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**APGA Welcomes Erin Kurilla**

*Washington, D.C. (October 25, 2017)* – The American Public Gas Association (APGA) is pleased to announce the hiring of Erin Kurilla as the Director for Operations & Safety. Erin began this role on Monday, October 23 in the Washington, D.C., office of APGA.

Erin will be managing a full spectrum of issues related to the design, construction, operation and maintenance of APGA members’ pipeline systems. Her focus will be mainly on pipeline safety, but she will also work on environmental topics and similar agency regulations and policies affecting members. Erin will be working closely with APGA's Vice President of Operations, John Erickson, while also supporting the APGA Operations Committee and its Safety and Education subcommittees.

Erin comes to APGA from the American Gas Association (AGA) where she served as a Director, Operations & Engineering Services. In that role, Erin led AGA's pipeline safety advocacy. She worked closely with AGA's members, federal and state regulators and other stakeholders to improve the safety and reliability of the nation's pipeline infrastructure through sound regulations. Erin holds a Bachelor's of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration from Carnegie Mellon University.

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