



## **Canadian Gas Association Welcomes Ontario Power Authority Report**

December 9, 2005 - The Canadian Gas Association (CGA) responded to a report issued today by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) on the medium and long term fuel mix in Ontario.

"The report represents a balanced approach to ensuring Ontario's future electricity needs are met," said CGA President and Chief Executive Officer, Michael Cleland. "CGA fully supports a 'smart gas' strategy that ensures natural gas is directed at its best uses and recognizes the key role it will play in partnering with renewables".

As noted in a recently released policy paper, CGA emphasizes that a truly sustainable energy future is one that meets the diverse energy service needs of society capably, reliably, affordably, efficiently and in a way that is both environmentally acceptable and secure.

"An energy system with a significant role for natural gas fulfills each of these characteristics," said Cleland. "As natural gas provides the best energy value for consumers, and Canadians can count on the long-term security of natural gas supply, it will continue to play an important role in many applications including power generation," said Cleland.

Sustainability will also require that we use energy as efficiently as possible. Canada's gas utilities are working with governments, regulators and Canadians to encourage energy efficiency.

Founded in 1907, the Canadian Gas Association (CGA) is made up of companies, organizations, and individuals who are involved in the delivery of natural gas in Canada and the United States. Together, CGA members combine to deliver safe, reliable, and environmentally preferred natural gas to more than 5 million customers in Canada and to major markets in the United States.

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