Resolution No. 2002-04

CSG-WEST Energy Subcommittee on Natural Gas

Introduced by the CSG-WEST Energy Committee

Whereas, the Energy Committee of the Council of State Governments-WEST (CSG-WEST) recognizes that natural gas is a valuable resource, not only for heating but also for the production of plastics and fertilizer;

Whereas, natural gas is a non-renewable resource;

Whereas, if natural gas is not used for heating, alternatives need to be identified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Energy Committee of CSG-WEST form a sub-committee to study the long-term use of natural gas with the charge of the subcommittee to include but not be limited to the following:

1.) Determine the total potential reserves of natural gas in the world;
2.) Determine the potential increasing use based on present usage trends and plans;
3.) Ascertain how much of that growth could be curtailed by the use of economically viable alternative energy thus extending the life of expected supply of natural gas; and
4.) Assess the potential for developing a North America CO2 management strategy.

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