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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 CO<sub>2</sub> management strategy.

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