



*"Serving Western Legislatures"*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003 – 02**

**URGING WESTERN STATES TO SAVE ENERGY**

**(Urges Western State Legislatures to Create a Link to DOE's website and To Lead By Example in Saving Energy With a Focus on Natural Gas)**

**Introduced by the Energy & Public Lands Committee**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) has indicated that the nation's stocks of natural gas in underground storage are unusually low due to weather factors and increased demand; and

**WHEREAS**, the industry is already responding by increasing storage rates, marked lately by record storage injections; and

**WHEREAS**, there are only limited opportunities to increase supply over the next 12 to 18 months; we must emphasize, therefore, energy efficiency and smart energy use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bush administration is also looking for ways to lead by example in saving energy and, in particular, natural gas at our country's facilities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of State Governments-*WEST* (CSG-*WEST*) commends the DOE for creating a user-friendly website: [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov), which will provide ratepayers of this country with valuable tips on how they can save energy and money;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CSG-*WEST* encourages state governments to look for ways to lead by example in saving energy and, in particular, natural gas at their government facilities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CSG-*WEST* requests each member's assistance in distributing this important information to the residents of their communities, which will help our nation as it confronts potential natural gas price and supply issues.

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