



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Borough of Chambersburg

A full service municipality in Franklin County celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service over 120 years of community electric and a regional wastewater, water, storm sewer and municipal solid waste utility

CHAMBERSBURG GAS SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF NATIONWIDE ASSOCIATION

Washington, D.C. – The American Public Gas Association (APGA) has named John Leary of Borough of Chambersburg in Pennsylvania, as Chairman of the APGA Board of Directors.

Mr. Leary was elected on July 23 during the virtual 2020 APGA Special Meeting, held in lieu of the association's Annual Meeting, for a term of one year. APGA is a national, not-for-profit association representing over 700 publicly-owned natural gas distribution systems in 38 states. APGA is the only trade association that solely represents the interests of public natural gas systems at the federal legislative and regulatory level. The following statement can be attributed to APGA President and CEO Dave Schryver.

"APGA is very pleased to have Mr. Leary as our Chairman as we enter an important time here in Washington. As the APGA Chairman, Mr. Leary brings the necessary experience and institutional knowledge to deal with the many issues facing local utilities. His leadership ability and knowledge of the natural gas industry will serve our members and industry well.

"We are very proud of John and his work with APGA," added Jeffrey Stonehill, Chambersburg Borough Manager and Director of Utilities. "John serves our community as the executive for the Chambersburg Gas Department, the only such Borough-operated public natural gas utility in Pennsylvania. We support the work of APGA and Town Council has encouraged our employees to volunteer their time to worthwhile national organizations such as APGA, which support hometown public gas systems like Chambersburg."

"With the many natural gas issues our industry faces in Congress, the administration and federal agencies, public natural gas systems are presented with numerous challenges and opportunities. Our current supply projection provides our country with a unique opportunity to utilize our domestic natural gas resources to reduce our energy dependence, increase overall energy efficiency, and decrease greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. Leary understands these opportunities and is prepared to successfully lead APGA through these times."

If you have any questions about this information, contact John Leary, Chambersburg Gas Superintendent at jleary@chambersburgpa.gov.

###

APGA is the national association of municipally and publicly-owned local distribution systems. There are about 1000 public gas systems serving more than 6 million customers. These public gas utilities are not-for-profit retail distribution entities that are owned by, and accountable to, the citizens they serve. They include municipal gas distribution systems, public utility districts, county districts, and other public agencies that have natural gas distribution facilities.

APGA Contact: Audrey Casey, Editorial & Marketing Director, at (202) 464-2742 or by email at acasey@apga.org.

###

Chambersburg is the only municipality in Pennsylvania to operate a public natural gas system as well as Pennsylvania's largest public power system, delivering both electricity and natural gas to homes and businesses. There are only two municipalities in Pennsylvania with public natural gas systems, Philadelphia Gas Works, and the Borough of Chambersburg. Public natural gas systems deliver clean and affordable natural gas to their local homes and businesses through a safe and reliable distribution system. To accomplish their mission, Chambersburg Town Council has developed forward thinking service policies and procedures to strive constantly to improve its operating capabilities, overcome challenges and adapt to its changing environment.