

**About the
American Gas Association**

The American Gas Association, founded in 1918, represents 195 local energy companies that deliver clean natural gas throughout the United States. There are more than 70 million residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers in the US, of which 91 percent — more than 64 million customers — receive their gas from AGA members. Today, natural gas meets almost one-fourth of the United States' energy needs.

**About
Dewey & LeBoeuf**

Dewey & LeBoeuf, an international law firm, has provided regulatory advice and representation on a broad spectrum of energy issues for more than 75 years. Its Energy Regulatory practice serves participants in the natural gas, electric power, petroleum and petrochemical power industries, as well as their financial advisors and financiers. For more information, visit www.dl.com.

The firm handles the full range of energy regulatory matters, including traditional rate and tariff matters, compliance planning and implementation, enforcement actions, approvals associated with mergers and acquisitions, industry restructurings, corporate and finance activities, planning and siting of new energy facilities as well as litigation of all sorts involving energy companies. Members of the energy regulatory group in the United States are resident in its Washington, DC, New York, Houston, Boston, Chicago and Albany offices.

**AGA Releases FERC Manual for Natural Gas Utilities
Users' Forum to Be Held March 31**

Washington, DC – The American Gas Association (AGA), through its sponsoring members, is pleased to announce the release of The AGA FERC Manual — A Guide for Local Distribution Companies, written by lawyers at Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP.

Since the enactment of the Energy Policy of 2005, in which Congress gave FERC powerful enforcement authority, users of pipeline services in general, and local distribution companies in particular, have been the focus of substantial attention from FERC's Office of Enforcement. In response, the AGA and its sponsoring members have developed this complete guide to FERC's regulation of natural gas in order to highlight the areas that most affect their interests and create their greatest jeopardy, while also offering suggestions about structuring compliance plans, conducting internal investigations, and responding to a FERC investigation.

The manual is intended to be one of the first places to which industry participants can turn for quick answers about FERC's rules as well as for more detailed explanations and guides to additional research. The manual covers the following topics: a brief history of FERC's natural gas regulation; services of pipelines and storage companies; rules relating to shippers or storage customers; obtaining capacity from pipelines directly as well as from other pipeline shippers; regulation of sellers of natural gas and a description of natural gas markets; local distribution companies as transportation and storage providers; rules about market manipulation; enforcement; preparing compliance plans; and other substantive aspects of FERC's regulations affecting local distribution companies.

The manual is accompanied by a set of DVDs containing lectures on each of the major topics for viewing by company employees.

On March 31, 2010, AGA and Dewey & LeBoeuf will co-host the AGA FERC Manual Users' Forum at AGA's headquarters in Washington, DC. Dewey & LeBoeuf's contributing lawyers will present and discuss topics covered by the manual. Please visit the AGA website for further information and on-line registration. Forum registrants will receive the manual and can obtain the DVDs. The manual and DVDs will be available for sale to the general public following the forum.