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**Power Up America's Energy Infrastructure With H.R. 1**  
*America's Utility Construction Industry Strongly*  
*Supports "The Lower Energy Costs Act"*

(Fairfax, Va.) – *The chief executive officer of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), Doug Carlson, issued the following statement on the introduction of "The Lower Energy Costs Act" (H.R. 1):*

"Building our nation's energy infrastructure must be a priority for Congress and the U.S. government. The Lower Energy Costs Act will reform today's inefficient permitting process, allowing faster construction of energy and infrastructure projects across the nation."

"The many welcome changes found in H.R. 1 reforms and streamlines the permitting process for all federally-impacted construction projects, allowing our members to build the water projects, gas distribution and transmission pipelines, storage facilities, and other critical projects our nation must have to efficiently deliver clean water and energy to American homes and businesses. The crucial permitting reforms that H.R. 1 proposes will accelerate construction of vital utility infrastructure, and the lower fuel prices these reforms will help bring about will help our members rebuild America at a price that's right for the taxpayer and the economy."

"Congress and the Biden Administration should wholeheartedly support what this bill will achieve in rebuilding American infrastructure, invigorating our nation's economy, and strengthening our national security. NUCA and our members strongly support the Lower Energy Costs Act and urge its passage as soon as possible."

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**About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)**

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents over 2,000 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation's intricate network of water, sewer, gas,

telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at [www.nuca.com](http://www.nuca.com), and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA\_National**. The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCAdigs.