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To: Global Gas Associates
From: Susan L. Sakmar
Date: January 7, 2012
Re: 1st Research Assignment - The Role of Natural Gas in the World's Energy Supply Mix
Due Date: January 15, 2012

Overview:

Our client, the Government of Atlantis, has retained our law firm, Able, Baker and Charlie to consult on a variety of legal, policy and environmental issues confronting policy makers in Atlantis as they seek to maximize their natural gas resources and decide on a number of proposed gas projects.

As a preliminary assignment, the Government would like to know what the role of natural gas is around the world. Given that natural gas has historically been considered an unwanted by-product of oil production, the Government of Atlantis is seeking a broad understanding of world supply and demand for natural gas as well as the policy drivers behind the increased focus on natural gas.

Assignment:

In order to provide the client with as comprehensive a view as possible, each global gas associate will direct their research towards a particular country and/or state as follows:

1. If you are originally from a country other than the United States, research the role of natural gas in your home country. If by chance there is absolutely no information about natural gas in your home country, then you are free to choose any country.
2. If you are originally from the United States, you will need to briefly address the role of natural gas in the U.S. in general as well as a brief overview of the role of natural gas in your home state (e.g. Texas, California, etc.)

Discussion Points:

1. Does your country/state use natural gas? If so, for what?
2. What is the natural gas consumption of your country/state?
3. Does your country/state produce natural gas? If so, how much?
4. Does your country/state import natural gas? If so, from where? Via LNG? Pipeline? How much?
5. Does your country/state export natural gas? If so, from where? Via LNG? Pipeline? To whom and how much?
6. What are the current policy issues facing your country/state in terms of natural gas? Is the government promoting the use of natural gas? Why or why not? Is the public supportive of natural gas? Why or why not?
7. Based on the Atlantis Natural Gas Case Study provided by our client, what is the most significant issue for the government of Atlantis in terms of developing their natural gas resources?

Format:

Your response should be prepared in memo format and limited to 2-4 pages. The short length of the written assignment requires that your answers be brief and to the point but you will have the opportunity in class to elaborate on your responses.