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GDF SUEZ ENERGY RESOURCES LAUNCHES NATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES: MARCH 15 EVENT TO FEATURE TOP ENERGY ANALYST

BENTEK Energy's Jennifer Robinson to Discuss Natural Gas Market Fundamentals, Forecasting

HOUSTON, FEBRUARY 28, 2012 – GDF SUEZ Energy Resources NA, one of the largest competitive retail electricity providers in the country, will kick off a quarterly webinar series March 15 with a one-hour presentation discussing natural gas market fundamentals and forecasting by Jennifer Robinson, a leading analyst with BENTEK Energy.

The complimentary online event, which is the first in GDF SUEZ Energy Resources' new quarterly national webinar series titled *Current Intelligence*, will be held from 11:00 a.m. to Noon CST. Commercial, industrial, and institutional electricity buyers interested in participating can register at <u>www.electricitywebinars.com</u>.

Robinson will discuss natural gas market issues related to the Marcellus Shale and its impact on the Northeast and other regions; the Utica Shale; applied demand vs. balance; growth of production; and new shale production sites.

"Given the role natural gas—and shale gas in particular—will play in shaping the nation's energy future, this presentation could not be more timely," said David Coffman, Vice President of Marketing of GDF SUEZ Energy Resources. "We developed the *Current Intelligence* webinar series to give energy users additional industry knowledge to help them make informed purchasing decisions."

As an analyst with BENTEK, an energy market analytics company, Robinson manages fundamentals analysis for the Northeast natural gas market. She oversees BENTEK's *Northeast Observer* series of daily and weekly published reports, writes the monthly *Northeast Market Call*, and assists in the firm's consulting practice. Prior to joining BENTEK, Robinson worked as an economist for the State of Colorado, where she forecasted severance tax and federal mineral leasing revenue generated from oil, gas, and coal production in the state. Robinson earned a Bachelor of Arts from American University and a Master of Arts in global finance, trade, and economic integration from the University of Denver.

GDF SUEZ's new *Current Intelligence* webinar series will feature timely subject matter that is informative to commercial, industrial, and institutional electricity buyers. Future topics include a discussion on the potential impacts of the Environmental Protection Agency's Cross State Air Pollution Rule as well as a review of the latest developments in corporate sustainability initiatives.

About GDF SUEZ Energy Resources NA

GDF SUEZ Energy Resources NA is one of the largest non-residential retail energy suppliers in the U.S. and currently serves commercial and industrial customers in 12 markets: Delaware, Texas, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Connecticut, Ohio, and Washington, D.C. The company serves over 80,000 accounts for customers having a peak demand ranging from 50 KW to more than 200 MW, with an estimated peak load totaling nearly 10,000 MW.

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