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## GDF SUEZ ENERGY RESOURCES SUPPLIES RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR 2013 US OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

HOUSTON – August 22, 2013 – GDF SUEZ Energy Resources NA, one of the country's largest competitive retail electricity providers to commercial, industrial and institutional customers, announced today that it will donate renewable energy certificates (RECs) to the United States Tennis Association to match 100 percent of electricity consumption at the 2013 US Open.

The tournament will be held Aug. 26 through Sept. 9 at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center located in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park in the New York City borough of Queens.

Each Green-e© Certified REC represents the environmental attributes of energy generated from a renewable source, such as solar or wind. The donation will displace the estimated annual greenhouse gas emissions by avoiding 529 tons of waste diverted from landfills, the carbon dioxide emissions from 158,195 gallons of gasoline or the carbon sequestered annually by 1,157 acres of U.S. forest.

"We share in the USTA's commitment of pursuing environmentally responsible operations and are honored to support the association once again in their efforts to ensure eco-friendly, sustainable electricity consumption," said Sam Henry, President & CEO of GDF SUEZ Energy Resources. "This will not only offsets the greenhouse gas emissions of this particular event, but it helps support the broader development of domestic sources of cleaner, renewable energy."

"Thanks to the support of GDF SUEZ Energy Resources, we're bringing more awareness of the importance of green energy to the fans and attendees of the US Open," said Joseph Crowley, Senior Director of USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Operations. "We're doing our part to protect the planet while reinforcing our goal of making the tournament one of the most sustainable competitions in the world."

The US Open grew out of one of the oldest tennis championships, the US National Championship, which for men's singles was first contested in 1881. Since 1987, the US Open has been the fourth and final Grand Slam held annually following the Australian Open, French Open and Wimbledon.

The United States Tennis Association is the national governing body for tennis in the United States.

## About GDF SUEZ Energy Resources NA

GDF SUEZ Energy Resources NA is one of the largest non-residential retail electricity suppliers in the U.S. and currently serves commercial, industrial and institutional customers in 12 markets: Delaware, Texas, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Connecticut, Ohio, and Washington, D.C. The company serves approximately 70,000 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. The company offers electricity service to small business customers under the brand Think Energy™.

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