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### **GDF SUEZ ENERGY RESOURCES TO HOST ENERGY SEMINAR FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS IN ILLINOIS**

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS – May 2, 2013 – GDF SUEZ Energy Resources NA, one of the country's largest competitive retail electricity providers to commercial, industrial and institutional customers, will host a seminar titled "Plain Talk about the Illinois Electricity Market" on Thursday, May 16, at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, IL.

The event, which will be held from 8 to 11 a.m., will give buyers access to some of the region's leading industry experts who will discuss a diverse range of issues influencing Illinois' electricity market. Highlights will include an update on the state of competition in Illinois, an overview of the Midwest ISO, and insight on upcoming changes that will impact the region's capacity market.

Jim Larranaga, Head Coach of the men's basketball team for the University of Miami, will serve as the event's keynote speaker, sharing leadership and teamwork strategies that apply both on and off the court. Coach Larranaga won the 2013 AP and Naismith Coach of the Year awards.

Other seminar presenters include:

- **Doug Scott**, Chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission
- **Ron Ryckman**, Senior Energy Consultant for Customized Energy Solutions

A moderated question-and-answer session will follow the presentations. David Braun, Regional Vice President of Sales-Midwest for GDF SUEZ Energy Resources, will moderate the panel, which will also include Karen Dietz, MISO Portfolio Manager for GDF SUEZ.

"Although the market in central and southern Illinois has always been dynamic, upcoming changes in the way capacity is handled will present some real challenges for anyone responsible for buying electricity in the region," said Braun. "This seminar will equip attendees with the knowledge they need to meet those challenges, and make intelligent and informed decisions when it comes to managing costs and usage in light of these new issues."

Commercial, industrial and institutional electricity buyers who are interested in attending the event can register at [www.gdfsuezil.com/plaintalk](http://www.gdfsuezil.com/plaintalk) or by calling 877-321-4GDF.

### **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 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. The company offers electricity service to small business customers under the brand Think Energy™.

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