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GDF SUEZ ENERGY RESOURCES TO CONTINUE PROVIDING POWER TO HOUSTON METRO

METROPOLITAN HOUSTON TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Under the contract, METRO will offset 30 % of its electricity consumption with Green-E certified Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs), 5 % of which (up to 15,968 RECs) will be donated by GDF SUEZ Energy Resources.

Each REC represents the environmental attributes of, or benefits associated with, a specific quantity of energy generated from a U.S.-based renewable source, such as solar or wind.

METRO is a member of the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership. This partnership program encourages over 1,500 member organizations to reduce both the environmental impacts associated with conventional electricity and the risk of climate change through the use of green power programs and REC products.

The contract also includes a feasibility study to evaluate the Authority's possible participation in ERCOT's Emergency Response Service (ERS-30). ERS-30 is a demand response program in which consumers agree to curtail their usage during periods of peak demand in order to help alleviate stress on the electricity grid.

Additionally, GDF SUEZ will donate to the METRO 'See the Light' energy toolkit, a program designed to engage the Authority's employees in a continuing mission to reduce energy waste and cut electricity consumption while building a sustainable culture of conservation.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) is the region's largest public transit provider, offering safe, reliable, and affordable transportation services about 370,000 times per day. METRO operates more than 1,200 buses and 22.7 miles of light rail. METRO's services also include: Star Vanpool, METROLift, HOV lanes, HOT lanes, the Bikes-on-Buses/Trains program, Park & Ride, and road improvement projects.

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.

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