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## **GDF SUEZ signs five major contracts with water companies in the UK**

GDF SUEZ Energy UK have continued their contracting success of recent times by securing electricity contracts with 5 of the UK's leading water companies, equating to almost a 30% market share in the regulated water sector and totaling 9 TWh of contracted business, for an estimated turnover of £600 million over the 5 years (682 MEUR\*).

The contracts, with supply periods of up to 5 years, have been won against intense competition and display the flexibility and innovation for which GDF SUEZ Energy UK have become renowned.

Julian Okoye, Wessex Water, said, *"We chose GDF SUEZ Energy UK to be our energy supplier because they demonstrated to us how they could deliver an innovative and efficient energy service. Not only could they give us competitive prices for the duration of our contract, they also impressed us with their high level of customer responsiveness, their willingness to accommodate our specific requirements and their flexible and transparent contracts."*

Marc Hirt, President of GDF SUEZ Western Europe and CEO of GDF SUEZ Energy UK said, *"GDF SUEZ Energy UK is very proud of its achievements in the water sector. Our success has to be attributed to our high degree of flexibility which allowed us to meet the customer's expectations. This, coupled with our high standard of professionalism and expertise, meant that we could ensure that the whole deal was put together to the satisfaction of all parties."*

\*exchange rate on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Notes:

GDF SUEZ Energy UK is well established as a specialist energy supplier to industry and commerce across the UK, as well as a growing player in the electricity generation arena. It is a major player in the HH (half hourly) sector and has an electricity portfolio of 10 TWh.

As a major energy supplier to industrial and commercial customers in the UK, GDF SUEZ Energy UK offers an innovative range of energy supply products to meet the requirements of all types of business, from small industrial and commercial companies, to energy-intensive industrial plants.

Since 2002, GDF SUEZ has been investing in new electricity capacity in the UK. The company owns and operates Shotton Combined CHP power station (210 MW) and Teesside power station (1875 MW) which is Europe's largest Combined-Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT) CHP electricity generation plant. The company has recently finished construction of its first windfarm project at Craigengelt in Scotland (20 MW).

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