

Press Release

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Tractebel Energy Services selected as preferred supplier for Texas hospitals

HOUSTON –Tractebel Energy Services, Inc., the retail energy business of Tractebel North America, Inc., was recently named the preferred energy supplier for HealthShare, a for-profit subsidiary of the Texas Hospital Association (THA). Tractebel Energy Services provides products and services that give commercial and industrial customers risk management capabilities along with enhanced budget control.

The endorsement was a part of Fowler Energy Company's work with Health Share/THA, which selects preferred providers for the hospital association. Fowler has worked with Texas hospitals since 1997, assisting them with natural gas and electricity cost reductions through application of engineering alternatives and energy procurement services.

"We're honored that Fowler Energy would think so highly of our services and capabilities to recommend us to HealthShare/THA as the preferred supplier for more than 500 hospitals across Texas," said Zin Smati, president and CEO of Tractebel Energy Services. "HealthShare's endorsement underscores Tractebel's commitment to bring our customers reliable electricity in a cost-effective, dependable manner, and we're proud to offer our services to members of the Texas Hospital Association."

Working with Fowler, HealthShare/THA determined that Tractebel could offer its association members the products and services that would best meet their needs. Don Fowler, president and CEO of Fowler Energy Company, noted that in addition to Tractebel's product offerings, the company's proven track record where reliability and dependability are concerned was also important in the selection process. "Fowler has worked with the hospital association providing educational updates on deregulation, bringing individual hospitals competitive bids, negotiating transportation rates, negotiating supply contracts, and more. But just as important as the solution we bring to HealthShare and THA, is *who's* providing it. A company must have operating integrity along with financial stability and security. With the added bonus of multiple power generating assets – two here in Texas - Tractebel represents the whole package."

"HealthShare/THA's mission is to provide our association members with a carefully chosen group of companies whose services will help our hospitals and health care systems reduce costs and recover revenue, without losing the quality of service that we require," said Vicki Pascasio, HealthShare/THA President/CEO. "We're pleased to count Tractebel Energy Services among that group of select companies."

Tractebel Energy Services also provides electricity to commercial and industrial customers in New York, Massachusetts, Maine and New Jersey.

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About Tractebel North America

Tractebel Energy Services is the retail energy subsidiary of **Tractebel North America, Inc. (TNA)**. Also based in Houston, TNA is a business unit of Tractebel Electricity & Gas International. TNA owns and/or operates a total of 57 power, cogeneration, steam, and chilled-water facilities. TNA's assets represent a capacity* of more than 5,807 MW of electricity generation, 12 million pounds per hour of steam, and 147,000 tons per hour of chilled water. Its wholly owned subsidiary, Tractebel LNG North America, owns and operates the Distrigas of Massachusetts LNG receiving terminal in Everett, Massachusetts, which currently serves most of the gas utilities in New England and key power producers, meeting between 15-20 percent of New England's annual gas demand.

Tractebel Electricity & Gas International is one of four business divisions of SUEZ (NYSE:SZE), a worldwide industrial and services group which provides innovative solutions in Energy - electricity and gas - and Environment - water and waste services. Based in Brussels, Tractebel EGI offers global solutions in energy and services to customers in North America, the southern cone of Latin America, Southeast Asia and the Middle East. It develops, builds and operates energy facilities both in electricity and gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG). It transports and distributes natural gas and LNG in several countries outside Europe.

Tractebel EGI is also active as a trader around its assets and as a marketer in electricity and gas, and offers energy related services to industrial and commercial customers. Tractebel EGI has a strong presence in its markets with a total power capacity* of nearly 28,000 MW, and a gas transport capacity of 15 billion m³/y. In 2002 EGI sold nearly 69,000,000 MWh of power, 11.89 billion m³ of gas and more than 60 million tons of steam to industrial and residential customers worldwide. In 2002 Tractebel EGI booked a turnover of 3,732 million euros.

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About HealthShare

HealthShare/THA, a wholly owned subsidiary of THA, provides needed services to Texas hospitals and other health care providers. HealthShare's products and services -- administrative, fiscal, materiel, human resources, equipment and environmental, and quality/productivity improvement -- help member hospitals save money, avoid unnecessary costs, generate new sources of income, reduce operating and capital expenses, improve management, increase productivity, develop staff resources and apply new strategies. In addition, HealthShare/THA provides overall management of the THA Retirement Plan and offers a quality line of insurance products.

About Fowler

Fowler Energy Company has been in the energy business in Texas for more than 18 years. Fowler works directly with end users specializing in reducing transportation rates and other utility charges. Fowler engineers develop energy alternatives and handle energy procurement for end users in Texas and several other states.

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