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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Docketing Division, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793 RECEIVED-DOCKETING DIN 2008 AUG -6 PM 2: 56

Re:

NOTICE OF MERGER/CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

CRES Provider - Certificate No. 04-118; Update to Licensee Information

## Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing on behalf of Suez Energy Resources NA, Inc. ("SERNA") a licensed retail electric provider operating in your state under authority granted by the state regulatory commission. Please be advised that on July 22, 2008, the ultimate indirect parent company of SERNA, Suez SA, a French company, merged with Gaz de France SA, another French company, forming a new entity called "GDF Suez." This merger has no impact on the operations of SERNA, other than to improve the credit rating by both Moody's and Standard and Poor of its foreign parent over the prior rating held by Suez SA. Just as prior to the merger, SERNA continues to be owned directly by Suez Energy North America, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

Day-to-day operations at SERNA will not be impacted by this merger, nor will any parent guaranty credit support provided by Suez SA, if any, to this state's regulatory authority. In this regard, if a parent guaranty has been provided to this state as credit support for the obligations of SERNA, all the rights, benefits and obligations of such Suez SA Guaranty will automatically vest into GDF Suez by the merger and become an obligation of GDF Suez SA. In the event this merger eventually results in a name or branding change for SERNA in the future, we will notify you and adhere to any necessary procedures to update our authorization to sell electricity at retail within your state.

Respectfully,

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