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Tractebel LNG North America President Richard Grant Testifies on LNG before the United States Senate’s Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy

Boston, Mass. – February 15, 2005 – Richard Grant, President and CEO of Tractebel LNG North America LLC, the North American liquefied natural gas business of Tractebel Electricity & Gas International, a business division of SUEZ (NYSE: SZE), testified today before the United States Senate’s Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy on the potential of liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) to help meet the United States’ growing need for energy.

“I am grateful for the leadership shown by Chairmen Domenici and Alexander, and ranking members Bingaman and Dorgan on the pressing imperative of meeting our Nation’s need for new energy supplies,” Grant said.

“LNG is right now, and must continue to be, an important part of the solution, especially in regions distant from natural gas fields. At the same time, we need to realize that LNG is just part of the solution that will be needed to bridge the nation’s growing demand for gas. It is not and cannot be a substitute for other North American natural gas supplies; rather, it will complement them,” he continued.

“I look forward to continuing to work with the Committee and the Senate on policies that help the Nation address consumers’ needs for reliable and affordable energy,” Grant said.

Tractebel LNG North America is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tractebel North America, Inc., the business unit of Tractebel Electricity & Gas International (“EGI”) responsible for managing EGI’s positions with the energy value chain in the United States, Mexico, and Canada, including electricity generation and cogeneration, natural gas and LNG, asset-based trading and origination, and energy sales and related services.

Tractebel LNG North America’s wholly owned subsidiary, Distrigas of Massachusetts LLC, owns and operates an LNG receiving facility in Everett, Mass., which commenced operations in 1971 and currently serves most of the gas utilities in New England and key power producers, meeting approximately 20 percent of New England’s annual gas demand. Tractebel LNG North America is the primary supplier of LNG to Puerto Rico and one of its subsidiaries makes regular LNG deliveries to the LNG receiving terminal in Cove Point, Md., as well as spot deliveries to the LNG facility in Lake Charles, La.

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Copies of Mr. Grant's testimony are available on Tractebel's website at www.tractebelusa.com, as well as by contacting Julie Vitek at 617-526-8334.

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