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SUEZ LNG NA Invests in Gloucester for Neptune Home Port

Gloucester, MA – May 23, 2007 – SUEZ LNG NA LLC announced today that it has finalized arrangements to make Gloucester its home port and center of operations for its Neptune offshore LNG facility, marking a substantial investment in the City and its waterfront.

SUEZ LNG NA has signed a lease at the new Gloucester Marine Terminal (GMT), and will serve as the anchor tenant for the multi-million dollar terminal, doing much to ensure the success of the terminal and bolster the broader Gloucester waterfront. At the GMT, SUEZ LNG NA will moor its support vessel, a 130-foot ocean-going U.S. built and crewed towing vessel, which will be dedicated to providing services and security to the Neptune facility and the LNG ships that dock there. SUEZ LNG NA has also leased bonded storage space at the GMT. The lease begins July 1, 2007, and is expected to run the life of the Neptune project.

“We are excited to make Gloucester our home port. Gloucester is the workhorse port of the North Shore and part of the backbone of Massachusetts’ marine economy,” said Clay Harris, President and CEO of SUEZ LNG NA. “Bringing the Neptune operations center and support vessel to Gloucester is the right move for Neptune, and will bring substantial economic benefits to the Port of Gloucester. We look forward to becoming an involved and engaged member of the Gloucester community, as we have in Everett and elsewhere where we have facilities.”

The home port operations for Neptune represent a direct infusion of over \$10 million into the local economy over the expected lifespan of the project, including the GMT lease and the Neptune office headquarters that will be located nearby.

SUEZ LNG NA has awarded the contract for the Neptune support vessel to another local company, Boston Towing and Transportation, which already has significant local ties to the Gloucester waterfront as well as a substantial number of current employees living in Gloucester. The support vessel will be permanently stationed in Gloucester and will create a

minimum of 24 jobs, for which qualified local applicants will be encouraged to apply. The role of the vessel will be to patrol the Neptune Deepwater Port and bring crew, supplies and equipment from the shore to the LNG ships when they are at the port. In addition, the support vessel will be a fully equipped fire fighting and rescue ship, compatible with local public safety communications and pumping tie-ins, effectively making a \$12 million asset available to the Gloucester Emergency First Responders, should the need arise, at no charge.

The lease with GMT will be expanded in the coming weeks to include office space which will house the Neptune Facilities Manager and staff, managers of the support vessel, and approximately six people who will be in charge of the cargo and be U.S. trained and licensed. SUEZ will advertise locally for qualified candidates for these positions.

The City of Gloucester will also benefit from additional shore side expenditures as both the LNG ships and support vessel will require food, supplies, fuel, maintenance, and light repairs. Discussions have already commenced with local suppliers of these goods or services based on the Neptune's desire to purchase locally.

Neptune Project Overview

The Neptune port will use specially designed LNG ships equipped to store, transport, and vaporize LNG into natural gas that can be sent to customers using the existing HubLineSM sub-sea pipeline. The LNG carriers will be moored at the proposed deepwater port by means of a submerged unloading buoy system consisting of two buoys. An LNG ship will typically be moored for four to eight days while unloading its LNG cargo, depending on market demand. The two separate buoys will ensure that natural gas can be delivered in a continuous flow by having a brief overlap between arriving and departing LNG carriers.

The estimated cost for the project, including LNG ships built specifically to meet Massachusetts' rigorous environmental standards, the buoy system and the connection to the HubLineSM pipeline, is approximately \$1 billion.

Neptune's location has several important benefits. It does not require any precious coastal land, and also limits aesthetic impacts. Additionally, the site offers the necessary water depth to support the buoy system technology while specifically avoiding the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary and essential shipping lanes into Boston Harbor.

Beyond New England, another SUEZ affiliate, Calypso LNG, LLC, is also developing a deepwater LNG port that will address Florida's growing demand for natural gas. In addition, SUEZ is working on similar projects in Latin America and decided to convert the LNG ship *SUEZ Matthew* into a regasification vessel.

About the Company:

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SUEZ Energy North America owns and/or operates a total of 45 power, cogeneration, steam, and chilled-water facilities, including those in construction or development, representing a capacity of more than 5,538 MW of

electricity generation, 6.4 million pounds per hour of steam, and 61,749 tons per hour of chilled water. SUEZ Energy North America's wholly owned subsidiary, Distrigas of Massachusetts, owns and operates a liquefied natural gas receiving terminal in Everett, Mass., which began 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.

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