



Press Release

Competitive Energy Services, LLC Announces Contract with Texas Aggregators – Public Power Pool (“P³”) and Association Power (“AP”)

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Competitive Energy Services, LLC (“CES”) of Portland, Maine announced today that it has been selected to provide energy procurement services and back office functions to the largest aggregation of retail customers in Texas. The two statewide electric purchasing coalitions, known as Public Power Pool, (P³) and Associated Power (AP), consist of 161 governments and non-profits in Texas and include a total of over 7,000 electrical service accounts. The “buying pool” created by these entities includes the City of Dallas and the Dallas Independent School District, Harris County (Houston), and many other counties, towns, school districts and special purpose districts, and is one of the largest commercial electricity buying pools in the United States.

In making this announcement, Mark Isaacson, a partner in CES, said, “CES is very pleased by the confidence that P³ and AP have shown in our company. We competed successfully against some very large and well-known national energy consulting companies. To be selected against such competition is strong testament to the value CES brings to companies and institutions in a deregulated energy market.” Mr. Isaacson noted, “The total size of the P³ and AP power pools is approximately 2 billion kWh per year. This is 50% more electricity than Maine’s second largest utility, Bangor Hydro Electric Company, delivers to its customers each year.”

“As a result of this affiliation, CES will soon be expanding our services to all of our existing customers to provide internet access to customer account history as well as reports that will allow customers to track, trend, and further manage their energy budget”, said Mr. Isaacson. “Through a point-and-click application, CES customers will have ready access to Savings Analyses, Budget Forecasting Reports, Year-over-Year Budget Comparisons, and Monthly Consumption Information. This type of information is simply not available to customers, yet in our discussions with customers, they repeatedly stress how useful this information would be.”

About CES: Competitive Energy Services, LLC, or CES, is a customer oriented energy company, located in Portland, Maine. CES acts as a customer's representative in the brokerage of electricity, provides energy consultation and supports customers in all aspects of their energy supply, procurement and management activities. CES is licensed to provide electricity, natural gas and other energy services in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, New York and Texas, and in the Province of New Brunswick. Through our affiliate Maine Renewable Energy, CES provides green electricity and is the only company that supplies electricity at retail to Maine households and small businesses. CES is based in Portland, Maine and has an office in Houston, Texas.

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