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**RETAIL ENERGY SUPPLY ASSOCIATION FILES MOTION TO
INTERVENE AND PROTEST TENASKA ENERGY REQUEST FOR
SPECIAL AND PRELIMINARY RATE APPROVAL**

Harrisburg, PA (January 25, 2010) – The Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA), a leading trade association of retail energy suppliers filed a motion to intervene and protest at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on January 22, 2010. "Hospitals, schools, non-profit and commercial customers of our members will have to bear a greater portion of the costs of this facility," said Melissa Lauderdale, the chair of RESA's newly created federal monitoring committee. "All market participants should be afforded equal treatment but unfortunately, because of the disparate treatment currently contained in Illinois legislation, these customers will have to make up for any shortfall resulting from the fact that the utilities costs are capped. This provides a 'double whammy' of unfair treatment to our members customers," Lauderdale continued.

Legislation passed in Illinois in 2009 requires electricity suppliers in Illinois, including RESA's members, to enter into 30 year contracts to buy all of the electricity generated by the Tenaska clean coal facility. The legislation provides for a cost cap for customers of the Illinois incumbent utilities but does not extend the same cost protection to customers taking service from competitive retail suppliers.

RESA will participate in future proceedings at the FERC, which has jurisdiction over wholesale markets which impact the operation of retail markets, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and before the Illinois General Assembly over this matter. "We look forward to participating cooperatively with other stakeholders to try and address our concerns about this proposed facility. We are in no way opposed to the development of the clean coal facility. Ultimately, Illinois consumers deserve the benefits of new, advanced forms of energy and the benefit of a workable competitive market as well as reasonable rates," said Lauderdale.

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About RESA

RESA's members include ConEdison Solutions; Direct Energy Services, LLC; Exelon Energy Company; GDF SUEZ Energy Resources NA, Inc.; Gexa Energy; Green Mountain Energy Company; Hess Corporation; Integrys Energy Services, Inc.; Just Energy; Liberty Power; Sempra Energy Solutions LLC. For more information, contact RESA Executive Director Tracy McCormick at (717) 566-5405 or go to www.RESAUSA.org.