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GDF SUEZ's Power Plant Marks 35 Years in Operation, Powering South Texas

Fannin, Texas, July 15, 2015 – Coletto Creek Power is celebrating 35 years of providing electricity to homes and businesses in South Texas. Employees from Coletto Creek Power and parent company GDF SUEZ Energy North America marked the milestone on June 30 with events welcoming power plant retirees as well as state and local government officials, and community business and non-profit leaders.

“Coletto Creek Power has been an important economic contributor in South Texas for nearly four decades,” said State Rep. Geanie Morrison of Victoria. “The company has been a significant employer and an active community investor. We congratulate and thank these men and women for their work and commitment.”

Operating on 8,300 acres, Coletto Creek Power has a generation capacity of 677 megawatts and can power 400,000 homes. A coordinated team effort to operate the facility, Coletto Creek Power employs 82 people, and the average tenure of service for an employee currently on staff is 23 years. Over nearly four decades, the plant has marked the retirement of 37 colleagues, with an average of 31 years of service for each.

“We are proud to be celebrating 35 years serving South Texas,” said Robert Stevens, Coletto Creek Power plant manager. “When an employee hires on here, most everyone stays for the rest of his or her career. I think this is a testament to the kind of workplace we have built together and to the kind of corporate citizen we have shown ourselves to be.”

Coletto Creek Power has maintained a history of supporting local nonprofits. From children's education programs in swimming, mentoring, drug abuse prevention and scholarships, Independence Day

fireworks, and historic preservation, to volunteer fire department equipment and facility support and economic development, the company has funded dozens of critical initiatives within Victoria and Goliad Counties.



One of the facility's most successful collaborations has been with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust (GBRT), working together toward environmental awareness and sustainability. Since 1980 when the plant built its 3,100-acre lake to provide cooling water for its operations, the GBRA has managed the park on the Coletto Creek Reservoir to host 300,000-plus visitors annually. In 2014, Coletto Creek Power expanded its relationship with both organizations when it

donated a 238-acre site featuring hiking trails, camping facilities, an active Bald Eagle's nest, and many outdoor and wildlife photography opportunities.



“I started working at the Chamber of Commerce in Victoria in 1975 just as the plant was making itself known as a coming attraction and major part of the development of the area,” recalled Mona Foust, executive director of the Goliad Chamber of Commerce. “I congratulate Coletto Creek Power on this milestone and wish the team many more years of success.”

Stevens pointed out that the company and his team’s enthusiasm for the community is second only to its commitment to safe operations. During the plant’s history, employees have achieved an all-time safety record that has spanned 17.2 years—or more than 2.8 million staff hours—without a lost time accident.

“Looking back at how Victoria and Goliad Counties have grown over 35 years, it’s very difficult to find a sector of the community in which Coletto Creek Power hasn’t been a friend or supporter in some way,” said Randy Vivian, Victoria Chamber of Commerce president and CEO. “The people of Coletto Creek Power have enriched our region not just through their company’s support but through their personal involvement as well.”

About Coletto Creek Power and GDF SUEZ Energy North America

Operating in Goliad County since 1980, Coletto Creek Power provides electricity to about 400,000 homes, employs 82 operators and staff, and is a part of GDF SUEZ Energy North America, which manages a range of energy businesses in the U.S., Mexico, and Canada, including electricity generation and cogeneration, natural gas and liquefied natural gas (LNG) distribution and sales, and retail energy sales and related services to commercial and industrial customers, and to residential customers via its Think Energy® brand. GDF SUEZ Energy North America is a part of the international energy group ENGIE, with the corporate registered name GDF SUEZ. For more information, please visit www.gdfsuezna.com, [@gdfsuezna](https://twitter.com/gdfsuezna).

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