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## TGS Announces the Closing of a Debt Restructuring Agreement of its Controlling Company

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**Buenos Aires, Argentina - Transportadora de Gas del Sur S.A.** (“TGS” or “the Company”) (NYSE: TGS, Merval:TGSU2) announces it has received a notice from its controlling shareholder, **Compañía de Inversiones de Energía S.A.** (“CIESA”), reporting that CIESA has closed a restructuring agreement (the “Agreement”) in respect to its financial indebtedness with all its creditors. The debt subject to restructuring amounting to approximately US\$ 270 million (including accrued interest), consists of US\$ 220 million notes and other financial debts for approximately US\$ 2 million, which are in default since April 2002.

As a consequence of this Agreement, CIESA refinanced debt of approximately US\$ 23 million for a 10 year-period, and once the approval from the *Ente Nacional Regulador del Gas* and the *Comisión Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia* are obtained, will deliver to its financial creditors approximately 4.3% of its current holding of TGS’s Class B shares and will swap its remainder financial debt for equity.

As a result of its financial restructuring and subject to the requested approvals, CIESA capital stock will consist of: (i) Class A shares, representing 50% of both CIESA’s shares and voting rights, which will be held by Petrobras Energía S.A. and a subsidiary; and (ii) Class B shares, representing the remainder 50% of both CIESA’s shares and voting rights, which will be held by financial creditors. From then on, Enron Corp. and ABN AMRO BANK N.V., as Trustee, will cease to be CIESA’s shareholders.

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*TGS, with a current firm contracted capacity of approximately 66.4 MMm<sup>3</sup>/d or 2.3 Bcf/d, is Argentina’s leading transporter of natural gas. The Company is also Argentina’s leading processor of natural gas and one of the largest marketers of natural gas liquids. TGS is quoted on both the New York and Buenos Aires stock exchanges under the ticker symbols TGS and TGSU2, respectively. TGS’s controlling shareholder is Compañía de Inversiones de Energía S.A. (“CIESA”), which holds approximately 55.3% of the Company’s common stock. CIESA is currently owned 50% by Petrobras Energía S.A. and one of its subsidiary, 40% by a trust and 10% by a subsidiary of Enron Corp.*