

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS IS RATED TOP RETAILER BY ENERGY AGGREGATORS, BROKERS AND CONSULTANTS

FirstEnergy Solutions, an Akron, Ohio, company and a subsidiary of FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE), was rated the top retailer in the nation to work with, according to a recent independent survey of aggregators, brokers and consultants who work in competitive energy markets. The study, titled *Channel Partners: The Growing Role of Aggregators, Brokers and Consultants in Competitive Energy Markets*, was conducted by KEMA, an independent research firm that provides market intelligence and analysis to leading providers in the energy industry.

FirstEnergy Solutions received an average rating of 8.7 on a 10-point scale – the highest score among 20 retailers that included the nation’s largest competitive electricity suppliers.

“We are very pleased with the results of the KEMA report,” says FirstEnergy Solutions' Vice President of Marketing and Sales Arthur W. Yuan. “We work hard to ensure that our channel partners and customers receive a quality product at a competitive price. This top rating shows our commitment to service that is responsive, consultative and customer-focused.”

FirstEnergy Solutions provides electricity to customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, New Jersey and Maryland. Energy aggregators, brokers and consultants in these markets can contact Jerry Bellitt, sales manager at FirstEnergy Solutions, at 330-315-6804.

FirstEnergy is a diversified energy company headquartered in Akron, Ohio, with electric utility operations in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. provides electricity and other energy-related products and services in portions of the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes regions.

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