

NRG Energy, Inc. Postpones Fourth Quarter 2004 Earnings Release and Conference Call

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PRINCETON, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 2, 2005--NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE:NRG) has postponed its full year 2004 earnings release and related conference call and webcast, originally scheduled for March 9, to later in the month. The Company intends to announce the new date of its earnings release, conference call and webcast in the near future.

This change will allow NRG sufficient time to complete the Company's Form 10-K, and its assessment of internal controls in connection with Sarbanes-Oxley, prior to issuing the earnings release.

NRG Energy, Inc. owns and operates a diverse portfolio of power-generating facilities, primarily in the Northeast, South Central and West Coast regions of the United States. Its operations include baseload, intermediate, peaking, and cogeneration facilities, thermal energy production and energy resource recovery facilities. NRG also has ownership interests in generating facilities in Australia and Germany.

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions and typically can be identified by the use of words such as "expect," "estimate," "anticipate," "forecast," "plan," "believe," "will" and similar terms. Although NRG believes that its expectations are reasonable, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove to have been correct, and actual results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated above include, among others, the inability to complete the Form 10-K and its assessment of internal controls in connection with Sarbanes-Oxley in a timely manner.

NRG undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The foregoing review of factors that could cause NRG's actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in the forward-looking statements included in this news release should be considered in connection with information regarding risks and uncertainties that may affect NRG's future results included in NRG's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov.

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