

NRG Energy, Inc. Declares Preferred Stock Dividends

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PRINCETON, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 24, 2006--NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE:NRG) today announced the following dividends, payable on September 15, 2006, for preferred stock to shareholders of record as of September 1, 2006:

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-- A $10 per share cash dividend on its 4% Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock issued in December 2004; and
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-- A \$3.59375 per share cash dividend on its 5.75% Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock issued on February 2, 2006.

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NRG Energy, Inc. owns and operates a diverse portfolio of power-generating facilities, primarily in Texas and the Northeast, South Central and Western 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 "will," "expect," "believe," 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.

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 fillings with the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov.