

## NRG Closes on Sale of its South Central Business

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PRINCETON, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 4, 2019-- NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE:NRG) has closed on the previously announced sale of NRG South Central Generating LLC (South Central) to Cleco Corporate Holdings LLC (Cleco) for \$1 billion in cash, prior to adjustments pursuant to the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement entered into on February 7, 2018.

"The closing of the South Central transaction marks the achievement of yet another fundamental milestone in our transformation," said Mauricio Gutierrez, President and Chief Executive Officer, NRG. "With the majority of our asset sales program complete, we continue to focus on capital allocation, cost excellence and margin enhancement across our businesses."

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