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More than 600 Employees Volunteer for NRG Global Giving Day

—Employees pitch in at more than 30 community-based organizations in 11 states—

PRINCETON, NJ; June 7, 2011—More than 600 employees of NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) rolled up their sleeves this past week for NRG Global Giving Day, volunteering their time to help various charitable organizations in their communities across the country. Now in its fourth year, the event encompassed projects for more than 30 organizations in 11 states.

“Having our employees come together and accomplish something good for a charity or a public cause reinforces our core values of teamwork and respect for our communities and the environment,” Meredith Moore, Senior Vice President of Communications, said.

NRG Global Giving Day is only one of the many employee-led efforts sponsored by the Company’s NRG Global Giving initiative. Over the past few years, NRG has donated millions in financial grants to non-profit organizations that address vital community needs through targeted and sustainable service programs consistent with the Company’s four focus areas: community and economic development, education, environment and human welfare.

NRG Global Giving encompasses a truly global scope by responding in times of catastrophe, matching employee donations through special triple-match programs that raise funds for those affected by natural disasters around the world. In the first half of 2011 alone, these special programs have raised almost \$350,000 to help those affected by earthquakes and flooding in Japan and Queensland, Australia.

For NRG Global Giving Day, Company employees mobilize in groups to volunteer at many local charitable and community-based organizations and perform a variety of activities that help build stronger, healthier communities. Some examples of this year’s employee outreach include:

- A group of 120 employees packed food boxes and prepared meals all day at various locations of the Houston Food Bank, which feeds a total of 137,000 people each week in Houston and 18 surrounding Texas counties.
- A group of 70 employees hosted a picnic for 150 homebound seniors for Fort Bend Seniors in southwest Houston.
- A group of 170 employees spent the day weeding, mulching, spreading sod and planting flowers at the Houston Zoo, the permanent home to more than 6,000 animals.
- Eighty volunteers watered, weeded and planted flowerbeds at Hermann Park in Houston.
- Limestone plant employees built a fenced area for exercising abused and neglected pets and spread gravel in the 10 kennels at Lara’s House animal shelter in Limestone County, Texas.

- In Carlsbad, California, employees performed indoor and outdoor maintenance projects at the Boys & Girls Club of Carlsbad.
- In Norwalk, Connecticut, employees donated time to the Sheffield Island project, working with the Seaport Association members on a solar installation that will restore a coastal lighthouse to working order.
- In New Roads, Louisiana, employees spent the morning teaching CPR/First Aid classes to employees of the Pointe Coupee Parish Public Library, while others cleaned and repaired restrooms at the Scott Civic Center's ballpark area.

About NRG

NRG Energy, Inc. is a Fortune 500 and S&P 500 Index company that owns and operates one of the country's largest and most diverse power generation portfolios. Headquartered in Princeton, NJ, the Company's power plants provide 25,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to supply approximately 20 million homes. NRG's retail businesses—Reliant Energy and Green Mountain Energy Company—serve nearly 1.9 million residential, business, commercial and industrial customers. With major investments in solar and wind power, as well as electric vehicle infrastructure, NRG is working to help America transition to a clean energy economy. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

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