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## NRG Energy Establishes Haitian Earthquake Relief Program

*—Company pledges \$100,000 to Clinton Foundation; triple-matches employee donations—*

**PRINCETON, NJ; January 20, 2010**—NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) launched a special Haitian Earthquake Relief Matching Gifts Program to help meet short- and long-term needs for those affected by last week's disaster. The two-part program consists of a \$100,000 pledge to the Clinton Foundation to contribute toward long-term rebuilding needs and a triple-match of employee donations to select charities engaged in Haitian relief activities to address immediate needs.

"The tragic events in Haiti have deeply affected all of us at NRG, as we see our global neighbors endure unfathomable loss and deprivation while facing a future without loved ones, homes, schools or virtually any other modern infrastructure," said David Crane, NRG President and CEO. "Our corporate and employee-matched contributions are aimed not only at alleviating Haiti's most pressing immediate humanitarian needs, but also at rebuilding essential infrastructure to speed reconstruction work and assist in the long-term rehabilitation of a nation in dire need."

NRG will match employee donations 3:1, meaning a \$100 donation will generate a match of \$300, for a total donation of \$400. Employees may choose one of three charities to receive donations: the American Red Cross, UNICEF U.N. World Food Programme or Mercy Corps Haiti Earthquake Fund.

NRG's pledge of \$100,000 to the Clinton Foundation will be used to address the long-term infrastructure needs of the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation. The Foundation is led by former President Clinton, who is the current United Nations Special Envoy to Haiti and has had a focus on Haiti for several years. In addition to financial assistance, NRG will also seek to contribute the Company's expertise in energy projects at an appropriate time, when efforts shift from disaster relief to rebuilding the nation's infrastructure.

### About NRG

NRG Energy, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, 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 more than 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to supply more than 20 million homes. NRG's retail business, Reliant Energy, serves more than 1.7 million residential, business, commercial and industrial customers in Texas. A past recipient of the energy industry's highest honors—Platts Industry Leadership and Energy Company of the Year awards, NRG is a member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. More information is available at [www.nrgenergy.com](http://www.nrgenergy.com).

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