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NRG Energy Employees Across the Country Join Together for Day of Giving

— Approximately 700 Employees in Nine States Volunteer at Over 40 Organizations—

PRINCETON, NJ; June 18, 2009—Today, over 20% of NRG Energy, Inc.'s (NYSE: NRG) employees join together to lend a hand at various charitable organizations across the country. NRG's Global Giving Community Day began at NRG's Princeton headquarters in 2008, and this year the Company is extending this effort to employees throughout the country. With volunteers in nine states participating in various activities at over 40 charitable organizations, NRG is striving to build better communities where we live and work.

"At NRG, we are proud to generate reliable and affordable electricity, but we're especially proud of our employee-driven effort to give back to our communities," said David Crane, President and CEO, NRG Energy. "The volunteer work we do today is not only tangible, but seeing joy on the face of a child or someone less fortunate, and knowing you can really make a difference, is an even greater reward."

Global Giving Community Day is just one of the many employee-led efforts sponsored by the NRG's Global Giving initiative. Over the past five years, NRG has made 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's Global Giving Community Day encompassed several charitable organization and many activities to improve our environment including:

In California

- Power-washing sidewalks, repairing a PA system, painting and cleaning at the Boys & Girls Club of Carlsbad
- Serving food at St. Anthony Foundation in San Francisco
- Serving lunch at the Senior Community Center of San Diego
- Setting up the graduation ceremonies at four schools in the El Segundo school district
- Cleaning the beach in El Segundo
- Serving food at the Monarch School of San Diego

In Connecticut

- Labeling water drains for Norwalk Mayor Moccia's Water Quality Internship Program
- Mentoring children on the Middletown School's third grade field trip
- Repairing and repainting a gym for the Town of Montville

In Delaware

- Gardening and spreading mulch at Cupola Park in Millsboro

In Louisiana

- Painting and cleaning at the Morganza Council on Aging Senior Center

In Minnesota

- Serving lunch at Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis

In New Jersey (Princeton area)

- Painting, cleaning and organizing at Better Beginnings Child Development Center
- Refurbishing computers, stocking shelves and filling activity bags for children at HomeFront
- Gardening at Isles
- Sorting food and loading trucks at Mercer Street Friends Food Bank
- Gardening, cleaning and moving furniture at YWCA Princeton
- Tutoring at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen Adult Education Program
- Refurbishing decks and painting a group home for Enable, Inc.

In New York

- Helping with the annual yard sale at the Rural Ministry in Dunkirk
- Painting and repairing cabins at the Boy Scouts Camp Gross in Dunkirk and Camp Pouch on Staten Island
- Painting and building repairs at the Friends of the Night People group home in Buffalo
- Sorting clothes at the Rescue Mission-Best Kept Secret in Oswego
- Building and installing bird houses at the YMCA's Camp Hollis in Oswego
- Hosting a food drive for the Human Concerns Food Pantry and Salvation Army in Oswego
- Mentoring children at the Henry Street Settlement Daycare in Manhattan

In Pennsylvania

- Painting at the Christian Recovery Aftercare Ministry in Harrisburg
- Planting 19, three-foot high Thuja shrubs to surround the community swimming pool in Allegheny Commons Park in Pittsburgh

In Texas

- Repairing a home for the Nueces County Community Action Agency
- Painting and making repairs at the YMCA of Arlington, Dallas and Fort Worth
- Packing and distributing food at the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas and the Houston Food Bank
- Making improvements to a community center for Project Row House
- Repairing and improving nature trails at Armand Bayou Nature Center
- Repairing picnic tables at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Houston
- Helping stabilize the sand dune system at the Galveston Island State Park
- Cooking for family members of the Houston Ronald McDonald House
- Cooking for Fort Bend Seniors
- Painting and renovating rooms at the Fort Bend County Women's Center
- Painting and repairing homes for the Fort Bend Corps
- Building a home for the Limestone County Habitat for Humanity
- Participating in various projects in Freestone and Leon Counties

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.

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