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NRG Energy Inc. Raises \$58.5 Million in Tax-Exempt Bond Issue for Dunkirk Generating Station Environmental Projects

PRINCETON, NJ; April 16, 2009—NRG Energy Inc. (NYSE: NRG) closed on a \$58,500,000 tax-exempt bond financing through its Dunkirk Power LLC subsidiary. The bonds were issued by the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency and the funds will go toward adding additional state-of-the-art emissions control equipment on the Dunkirk Generating Station in Dunkirk, NY. The new equipment will dramatically reduce air emissions and installation is expected to be completed later this year.

“Successfully completing this financing, particularly in these challenging market conditions, is a strong testament to the shared commitment of NRG, Chautauqua County Executive Greg Edwards and Governor Paterson to finding innovative and efficient ways to achieve environmental improvements in the region,” said Drew Murphy, President of NRG’s Northeast Region. “We are pleased to be making significant additional investments in the Dunkirk facility to bring environmental benefits to the area, in addition to the continued exemplary local leadership, charitable giving and other contributions provided by our employees.”

The bonds have a maturity date of April 1, 2042, and are enhanced by a Letter of Credit provided by Bank of America under the NRG Corporate Revolver Facility. Bank of America underwrote the transaction and Dunkirk Power is responsible for making all interest and principal payments on the bonds.

Through this bond issue, as well as NRG’s emissions control project and the payment in lieu of taxes agreement executed last year with multiple local taxing jurisdictions, NRG and Dunkirk Generating Station remain large supporters of the local community, maintaining local jobs—including at least 145 full-time positions and more than 500 construction jobs on the emissions control project alone—and anchoring Dunkirk’s tax base with the plant’s significant annual property tax contributions currently totaling more than \$10 million. Dunkirk Generating Station is a 540-megawatt facility capable of providing power to more than 400,000 homes.

About NRG

NRG Energy, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, owns and operates one of the country’s largest and most diverse power generation portfolios. NRG’s 48 plants provide approximately 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to power nearly 20 million homes. In November 2007, NRG won two of the industry’s highest honors—Platts Industry Leadership and Energy Company of the Year awards. Headquartered in Princeton, NJ, 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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