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Louisiana Public Service Commission Approves Louisiana Generating Power Supply Contract Extensions

Washington-St. Tammany Electric and Claiborne Electric ensure customers continued access to low-cost, clean and reliable power

NEW ROADS, LA; October 25, 2012— The Louisiana Public Service Commission has approved the 11-year contract extension for Louisiana Generating to provide power to the Washington-St. Tammany Electric and Claiborne Electric cooperatives through 2025. Both cooperatives filed their applications for approval by the Louisiana Public Service Commission on February 1, 2012. Louisiana Generating is a wholly owned subsidiary of NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG),

"Louisiana Generating is an independent power generation company that competes in the marketplace. Through efficiencies and a strong customer focus, Louisiana Generating provides the electric distribution cooperatives with cost competitive and reliable power allowing them to offer their customers with some of the lowest residential rates in the state," said Jennifer Vosburg, President of Louisiana Generating. "We are proud to continue our relationship with Washington-St Tammany Electric and Claiborne Electric helping them to attract members to their areas. We can meet their power needs today with diverse generation and will be able to meet their load growth needs for years to come."

Together, the two cooperatives have contracted for more than 450 megawatts of peak electrical power for their customers.

"Extending the existing contract with Louisiana Generating will allow our cooperative membership to continue to enjoy competitively priced and reliable power," said Mark Brown, General Manager of Claiborne. "Month after month Claiborne Electric has provided the lowest residential rates in the state of Louisiana and today we know that we can continue to ensure our members retain that benefit for the next 11 years."

"Providing our members with affordable power with price certainty is of the utmost importance to us and continuing our relationship with Louisiana Generating gives us that benefit," said Charles Hill, General Manager of Washington-St. Tammany. "By partnering with Louisiana Generating for the last ten years, we have had the lowest rates in the tri-parish area of Washington, St. Tammany, and Tangipahoa parishes. Through the approval of this contract extension, we can continue to do that for years to come."

NRG Energy and its subsidiary, Louisiana Generating, own a diverse fleet of electrical generating stations in the region. The ultra efficient, natural gas-fueled Cottonwood combined cycle plant sets the bar in the region for low cost fossil-fueled generation while the Big Cajun II plant uses low sulfur coal to reduce sulfur dioxide, advanced burners to reduce nitrogen oxides and electrostatic precipitators to reduce particulate matter. Louisiana Generating recently announced new steps to make the Big Cajun II units even cleaner and able to produce affordable power in an environmentally responsible fashion.

Cooperative customers extending contracts with Louisiana Generating preserve historic transmission rights invaluable to ensuring reliable electricity supply. "As the second largest user of transmission in the Entergy footprint, our long term use and knowledge of Entergy's transmission system translates into benefits for our customers, both now and for the future," said Vosburg.

About Louisiana Generating and NRG Energy

NRG Energy, Inc., through its wholly owned subsidiaries Louisiana Generating LLC and NRG Power Marketing LLC, manages a diverse portfolio of load and generation along the Gulf Coast. Louisiana Generating LLC serves the full requirements needs for 10 Louisiana electric cooperatives with a peak demand of over 2,300 MW. The total generation portfolio exceeds 3,600 MW, and includes a diverse mix of coal and gas-fired generation in Louisiana and East Texas. NRG Energy (NYSE: NRG), a Fortune 500 and S&P 500 Index 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 25,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to supply nearly 20 million homes. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

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