



LOUISIANA DISASTER RECOVERY FOUNDATION

Louisiana's Fund for Louisiana's People

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NRG Energy Gives \$150,000 to Aid with Oil Spill Recovery – Nonprofit Leaders Provide Progress Update

—Princeton headquarters employees raise funds with auction, raffle—



L-R: Sonjah McKnight, Director of Development, LDRF; Flozell Daniels, Jr., President & CEO, LDRF; Jeff Baudier, Senior Vice President and Regional President, NRG Energy; Meredith Moore, Senior Vice President of Communications, NRG Energy; Brian Adams, Director of Asset Management, NRG Energy.

BATON ROUGE, LA; November 19, 2010— The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation (LDRF) and its grantees were the designated beneficiaries of NRG Energy, Inc.'s (NYSE: NRG) most recent charitable fundraising effort. The corporation, based in Princeton New Jersey, used its annual company picnic to raise money for charity, as it has done for the past six years. The Company raised a total of \$150,000 in donations from employees (including a dollar-for-dollar Company match) and business associates at this year's picnic in New Jersey.

NRG's contribution to LDRF will support Louisiana's independent fishermen and coastal communities that continue to suffer economic hardships due to the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. LDRF hosted a check presentation event and grantee forum at the offices of Mary Queen of Vietnam Community Development Corporation in New Orleans on November 11th.

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu remarked that, "The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation has played a vital role in our region's recovery from both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and now the

BP oil disaster. It is going to take the public, private, and non-profit sectors' joint efforts to make the Gulf region whole once again. This new contribution will go a long way in supporting our fishermen and coastal communities which are so vital to our economy, culture, and way of life."

Flozell Daniels, Jr., President and CEO of LDRF, stated that, "LDRF is proud to partner with NRG Energy to support our coastal communities as they work to recover from the BP drilling disaster. NRG Energy is exemplary of the kind of business Louisiana wants to attract: environmentally, economically and socially responsible. On behalf of the many communities that will benefit from this generous gift, LDRF extends its warmest gratitude. We hope that other corporations doing business in Louisiana will follow NRG's lead in giving back."

"Many people along the Gulf Coast have been severely impacted by the oil spill, which has caused the near-total collapse of the local fishing and tourism industries," said David Crane, President and CEO of NRG Energy. "Without help from organizations such as the LDRF, these communities and local economies may never recover. We are happy to support Louisiana's coastal economies and help preserve this unique regional culture."

Leaders from local nonprofit organizations from throughout southern Louisiana that have received funding from LDRF's Oil Spill Recovery Fund and have been instrumental in providing immediate relief and mid-term case management to victims of the oil spill attended the check presentation and provided updates as to the challenges their communities still face and the opportunities that lie ahead. Leadership from Global Green, Second Harvest, BISCO (Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing), United Houma Nation, Catholic Charities New Orleans Diocese, Mary Queen of Vietnam Community Development Corporation, Southern Mutual Help Association, and the Louisiana Justice Institute were present.

About NRG

NRG Energy, Inc., 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 nearly 26,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to supply nearly 21 million homes. NRG's retail businesses, Reliant Energy and Green Mountain Energy Company, combined serve more than 1.8 million residential, business, commercial and industrial customers. With investments in solar, wind and nuclear power, as well as electric vehicle infrastructure, NRG is working to help America transition to a clean energy economy. Over the past five years, NRG has given nearly \$13 million in contributions and grants to non-profit organizations that benefit local communities nationwide. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

About Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation

The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation (LDRF) is a private foundation established by a team of national and local experts in philanthropy and community development on September 6, 2005 and the recipient of the \$24.4 million Bush/Clinton Katrina Fund. LDRF's mission is to transform the disaster caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita into an unprecedented opportunity for a new Louisiana—providing resources for the relief, recovery and betterment of all its people by ensuring access and opportunity in rebuilding their communities and culture. More information available at www.louisianahelp.org

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Jeff Baudier (R), Senior Vice President and Regional President of NRG Energy, discusses Louisiana's recovery from the oil drilling disaster with Diem Nguyen (L), Executive Director of Mary Queen of Vietnam Community Development Corporation.

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