



NRG Energy, Inc. Appoints Anne C. Schaumburg to Board of Directors

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PRINCETON, N.J., March 29, 2005 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE:NRG) today appointed Anne C. Schaumburg to the Company's Board of Directors, effective April 1.

Schaumburg served as Managing Director of Credit Suisse First Boston's Global Energy Group from 1984 to 2002. During the five years prior, she was Managing Director in the Utilities Group at Dean Witter Financial Services Group. Schaumburg holds an Associate of Arts degree from the College of Staten Island.

"Anne brings an exceptional knowledge of the power industry and deep experience with the capital markets, the combination of which will make her invaluable in her role as a Director," said Howard E. Cosgrove, Chairman of the NRG Board.

The appointment of Schaumburg brings NRG's Board to nine members and she is filling one of the three seats vacated by MatlinPatterson Global Advisers LLC. Eight of the nine members, including Schaumburg, qualify as independent directors under the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

NRG Energy, Inc. owns and operates a diverse portfolio of power-generating facilities, primarily in the Northeast, South Central and West Coast regions of the United States. Its operations include baseload, intermediate, peaking, and cogeneration facilities, thermal energy production and energy resource recovery facilities. NRG also has ownership interests in generating facilities in Australia and Germany.

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NRG undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The foregoing review of factors that could cause NRG's actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in the forward-looking statements included in this news release should be considered in connection with information regarding risks and uncertainties that may affect NRG's future results included in NRG's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov.

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