



NRG Names Kevin T. Howell Executive Vice President, Commercial Operations

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PRINCETON, N.J.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 30, 2005--NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE:NRG) announced that Kevin T. Howell will join the Company as Executive Vice President, Commercial Operations on August 1. Howell will lead NRG's multi-commodity commercial operations function- including the fuel and emissions procurement and trading, power trading and marketing, and structure and analysis groups.

"We are very pleased to have Kevin, with his extraordinary depth of commercial management experience, join our organization," said David Crane, NRG President and Chief Executive Officer. "He will be instrumental in managing the current operations and planned future development of our commercial operations function."

Since 2001, Howell served as President of Dominion Energy Clearinghouse, the organization responsible for asset monetization across Dominion's exploration and production, generation, transmission and delivery companies. Prior to his work at Dominion, he led various functions within Duke Energy Merchants, Duke Energy International and Duke Energy Trading and Marketing. His last position with Duke was Executive Vice President of Duke Energy Merchants where he managed a global trading group dealing in refined products, LNG and coal. Prior to his five years at Duke, Howell worked in a variety of trading, marketing and operations functions at MG Natural Gas Corp., Associated Natural Gas and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline.

Howell succeeds Ershel Redd, who in addition to his role as Executive Vice President and President, Western Region, has overseen Commercial Operations since the fall of 2003. Redd will now focus entirely on managing the Company's business within the Western region.

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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