



NRG Energy Acquires Cogeneration Facility from Statoil Energy

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MINNEAPOLIS, Aug 25, 2000 (BUSINESS WIRE)---NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE:NRG) announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, NRG Thermal Corporation, finalized its acquisition yesterday of a cogeneration facility located in Dover, Del. The facility, purchased from Statoil Energy, Inc., is now called NRG Energy Center Dover LLC.

"NRG Energy Center Dover enhances NRG Thermal's history of providing reliable and affordable thermal energy to meet its customers' critical needs," said Craig A. Mataczynski, president of NRG North America.

NRG Energy Center Dover owns a 190,000 pounds of steam per hour, 18-megawatt coal-fired cogeneration facility providing steam and electricity to a major manufacturing facility, also located in Dover. Excess electrical energy is sold through the Dover municipal electric utility. By next summer, an 88-MW expansion of peaking simple cycle electrical production will be available for output into the merchant energy and capacity markets and will increase output fivefold.

"We are pleased to help our current steam customer remain a strong manufacturing plant in a highly competitive market," said Michael R. Carroll, president of NRG Thermal.

NRG Energy Center Dover joins NRG Thermal's other operating subsidiaries in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., San Francisco and San Diego, Calif., Grand Forks, N.D., Camas, Wash., as well as Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, Pa.

NRG Energy is a leading global energy company primarily engaged in the acquisition, development, construction, ownership and operation of power generation facilities. NRG Energy owns all or a portion of 57 power generation projects and its net ownership interest in these projects exceeds 16,000 MW. NRG Energy's operations utilize such diverse fuel sources as natural gas, oil, coal and coal seam methane, biomass, landfill gas, and hydro, as well as refuse derived fuel. NRG Thermal owns, operates and manages numerous industrial and commercial thermal energy operations.

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