



Minneapolis-based NRG Celebrates Phenomenal Growth and Success with 10th Anniversary Event

August 6, 1999

What:

NRG Energy, Inc. will mark its 10th anniversary on Friday, August 6 with an event celebrating its rapid growth and international prominence in the field of power generation. NRG is a wholly owned development unit of Northern States Power Company (NSP). Its core business is as an Independent Power Producer (IPP) utilizing diverse fuels and alternative energy.

This anniversary event is a three-part "progressive party" which celebrates NRG's global progress in three major operating regions: the Americas, Europe and Asia-Pacific. The event begins at 4 p.m. at NRG Headquarters -- representing The Americas. At approximately 5:30 p.m. guests will be escorted across Nicollet Mall to the outdoor deck and English garden of Brit's Pub -- representing Europe -- to enjoy entertainment, food and refreshments. At 7 p.m. guests are led onto a custom-designed enchanted island in the middle of Peavey Plaza pond -- Down Under -- for genuine outback hospitality and a short program.

When:

Friday, August 6, 1999 at 4:00 p.m.

Where:

The 3-part progressive party reflects NRG's presence in three global operating regions:

The Americas:

4:00 p.m. at NRG Headquarters (1221 Nicollet Mall)

Europe:

5:30 p.m. on the rooftop of Brit's Pub

Asia-Pacific:

7:00 p.m. on the island of Australia in the middle of Peavey Pond

Photo Opportunity:

Guests are expected from around the globe. Chairman, President and CEO, David H. Peterson, will also be available for photographs and to answer questions.

Company:

Locally, NRG owns and operates the Minneapolis Energy Center and operates Hennepin County Energy Center, which together heat and cool a significant portion of downtown Minneapolis, including Target Center, City Hall, the Convention Center and the Metrodome. NRG is the largest Independent Power Producer in the Northeast United States and the third largest heating and cooling provider in the U.S. It is also a leader in landfill gas generation and resource recovery.

History:

Today, NRG is an expert in overhauling inefficient operations and successfully reactivating them to produce electricity at a lower cost around the world. Since its inception in 1989, NRG has experienced tremendous growth with operations in the Americas, Europe, Asia-Pacific and emerging markets. With 158 facilities in fifteen countries and 22 states and with over 20,000 megawatts of gross capacity, NRG is one of the largest Independent Power Producers in the world.

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