

# NRG Energy and Smart Energy Decisions Publish 2022 State of Decarbonization Study

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--Research Shows Reputational Risk and Cost Reduction are Top Motivators for Study Respondents in Their Pursuit to Decarbonize--

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 17, 2022-- NRG Energy, Inc., in collaboration with Smart Energy Decisions, today published new research that shows reputational risk and cost reduction as top motivators for organizations when considering decarbonization solutions. The 2022 State of Decarbonization Study provides insight into the many factors that influence businesses as they look to pursue net-zero.

When asked what drives their decarbonization journey, 65 percent<sup>1</sup> of respondents noted reputational risk as one of their top considerations, followed closely by cost reduction at nearly 60 percent. Regulatory and legal risks rounded out the top three at 47 percent. The study demonstrated that many organizations are now making serious environmental commitments, with 85 percent of respondents having established emissions reduction goals and nearly half having gone a step further by making net-zero commitments. While achieving targets can be a challenge, an experienced energy partner can help facilitate meaningful progress.

The study received responses from energy leaders at more than 170 organizations regarding their challenges and opportunities associated with reducing emissions.

To read the entire State of Decarbonization Study click here.

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<sup>1</sup>Participants were allowed to select multiple options

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