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NRG Contributes \$40,000 to Help Homeless in Phoenix

PRINCETON, NJ; June 25, 2012 –The employees of NRG Energy Inc., (NYSE: NRG) raised \$40,000 to help fund services for the homeless in Phoenix, Ariz. The funds, which includes Company matching funds, will go to Human Services Campus (HSC), a Phoenix-based nonprofit that helps the homeless overcome challenges and reintegrate into society.

"As NRG's business footprint has grown in Arizona, we want to do our part to contribute to the communities where our employees live and work," said Tom Doyle, president of NRG's western region. "At a recent Company event held in Phoenix, our employees responded enthusiastically to the welcome we've received in Arizona by raising these needed funds to help HSC assist those in the community who need it most."

HSC operates on an 11-acre campus that brings more than a dozen agencies together in one place to help the homeless. By creating a "one-stop-shop" for services, HSC staff can literally walk clients from one agency to another, ensuring newcomers receive the care and attention they need.

"Each day, over 1,000 homeless men and women come to the HSC to meet their basic needs, but more importantly they have access to case management, medical care, employment services, and ultimately supportive housing services and programs necessary to permanently and sustainably end their homelessness," said David Bridge, managing director, HSC. "With the generous help of our community leaders such as NRG, the Campus meets its mission to use the power of collaboration to create solutions to end homelessness."

NRG provides distributed solar and district cooling services to Arizona businesses, schools and organizations, plus helps make METRO riders more comfortable with a solar-powered rail station cooling system. The Company is also building two large-scale solar projects in the state: the 290 MW Agua Caliente project in Yuma County and a 25 MW project at Avra Valley near Tucson.

About NRG

NRG is at the forefront of changing how people think about and use energy. A Fortune 500 company, NRG is a pioneer in developing cleaner and smarter energy choices for our customers: whether as one of the largest solar power developers in the country, or by building the first privately funded electric vehicle charging infrastructure or by giving customers the latest smart energy solutions to better manage their energy use. Our diverse power

generating facilities can support more than 20 million homes and our retail electricity providers – Reliant, Green Mountain Energy Company and Energy Plus – serve more than two million customers. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

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