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NRG Energy Kicks Off KUHF Public Radio Fundraiser for Fourth Consecutive Time

—NRG will match membership donations to Houston Public Radio on the first morning and donate Apple iPads as prizes for contributors randomly selected during each day of the campaign—

HOUSTON; April 13, 2010—Once again, NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) will lead off the biannual fundraiser for KUHF Houston Public Radio, a listener-supported radio station from the University of Houston, on Thursday, April 15. This marks the fourth consecutive time over the past two years where NRG has been the corporate sponsor on the opening morning of KUHF's fundraising drive.

"NRG Energy's role in KUHF's semi-annual fundraisers is key to a strong kick-off and to maintaining a good pace for the entire nine days," said Debra Fraser, KUHF's Chief Operating Officer and Station Manager. "KUHF listeners are always looking to make their money go farther, so NRG Energy does that two-fold! The corporate matching challenge in the first two hours of our fundraiser helps KUHF raise about \$50,000 and it sets the pace for the following hours. Plus, the NRG Energy daily prizes have proven to be a great incentive for listeners who previously thought about contributing, but needed an extra enticement to go through with it."

KUHF is celebrating the 60th anniversary of its first broadcast on Nov. 6, 1950. As the sponsor for the kick-off, NRG employees will answer phones and the Company will match donations made from listeners. In past KUHF fundraisers, NRG has also donated prizes to be given away each day of the campaign. This spring, NRG will contribute funds to allow KUHF to buy the newly released Apple iPads to be given in a prize drawing randomly selected from contributors to the KUHF spring fundraiser. All contributors will be eligible for the drawing on the day they make a donation as well as all remaining drawings during the campaign—early contributors have the greatest number of chances to win!

"As a major employer and corporate citizen in Houston and the surrounding areas, NRG is proud to support public radio and its role in keeping our community informed about important local and national issues," said Kevin Howell, President of NRG Texas. "We are honored to continue leading off KUHF's fundraising drives and being a part of the station's 60th anniversary celebration."

In addition to sponsoring the opening mornings of the Houston fundraisers, NRG was a national sponsor for the KUHF 60th anniversary performance of the "Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me" National Public Radio quiz show taped in Houston on February 12.

About NRG

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A past recipient of the energy industry's highest honors—Platts Industry Leadership and Energy Company of the Year awards, NRG is a member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a

group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

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