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Reliant Announced as Title Sponsor for Trinity River Wind Festival

—Trinity Commons Foundation, City of Dallas welcome Reliant as returning lead sponsor—

DALLAS; May 1, 2012—The Reliant Trinity River Wind Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, and Reliant, an NRG company, is returning as this year's title sponsor. The electricity provider brings a powerful efficiency boost to the festival, a one-day event which features all things wind-related, taking place on the Trinity River floodway in Dallas.

"Reliant is proud to support wind energy in Texas and green initiatives throughout the Dallas community," said YaLonda Lockett, Director of Reliant's Dallas office. "The festival is a perfect atmosphere for outdoor family-fun and an opportunity to learn about wind and how it benefits the environment as a renewable energy source. With a winning combination like that, we are excited to be the title sponsor for the second year in a row."

The festival will feature an abundance of outdoor activities and exhibitions from noon to 6 p.m., including show kite teams from the Southwest, hot air balloons, Blackland Prairie Raptor Center birds, hang gliders, paper airplane making, wildflower planting, Dallas Zoo animals, and bounce houses with clowns and face painting.

Reliant will bring its Smarter Home on Wheels to the festival, providing a hands-on opportunity for Dallas residents to experience the tools and technology now available to consumers with smart meters through Reliant's e-Sense® products and services. These innovative tools provide consumers greater insight and control over their electricity use, giving them the ability to use less and reduce their impact on the environment.

Those who attend the festival are invited to bring their own kite, pinwheel, whistle, hand thrown glider plane, scarves or any other wind-powered items. Show kites will line the airway with spectacular colors and shapes, and weather permitting, hang gliders will take to the sky and hot air balloons will be inflated.

"Reliant is back as the title sponsor of the Trinity River Wind Festival and the Trinity Commons Foundation is floating on air. The Commons' focus is all about building lasting strong relationships, and the continuing relationship between Reliant and the Wind Festival is exactly what we like to see," said Craig Holcomb, executive director of the Trinity Commons Foundation.

Reliant is one of the largest purchasers of renewable energy credits (RECs) among retail electricity providers in Texas. All Reliant residential and small business customers can choose a plan with 100 percent Texas wind. The company also offers its customers a convenient way to reduce their carbon footprint and support environmental causes with [EcoShareSM](#), a program that includes the purchase of carbon offsets along with ongoing support to [EarthShare of Texas](#), an organization that provides funding to more than 30 different local and statewide environmental organizations.

For more festival details, visit trinityriverwindfestival.com.

About the Trinity River Corridor Project: With a combined investment of \$2.5 billion from all interagency partners, public and private sources; the Trinity River Corridor Project is the largest and most complex public works and urban development project undertaken by the City of Dallas. This project is first and foremost a flood protection solution and one of the largest of its type in the nation. The project consists of five major components: flood protection, transportation, recreation, environmental stewardship, and business development. The Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, designed by internationally known architect Santiago Calatrava, is open. A second Calatrava designed bridge, the Margaret McDermott Bridge is part of the Texas Department of Transportation's Horseshoe Project that is slated to begin 2013. The Trinity River Audubon Center (TRAC), a flagship location for the Texas Audubon Society, is a beautiful teaching and recreational site in the Great Trinity Forest. There are more than 12 miles of new trails completed along with the 65-acre Lower Chain of Wetlands which assists with flood protection upstream of the river by as much as one foot in heavy rains. For project updates and to view the new Web site, visit: www.trinityrivercorridor.org.

About Reliant: Reliant provides electricity, energy services and smart energy solutions to more than 1.5 million retail customers including homes, businesses, manufacturing facilities, government entities and institutions in Texas, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. As part of NRG (NYSE: NRG), Reliant is backed by a Fortune 500 company that is at the forefront of changing how people think about and use energy. NRG is a pioneer in developing cleaner and smarter energy choices for its customers and its diverse power generating facilities can support over 20 million homes nationwide. For more information about Reliant products and services, visit www.reliant.com.

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