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NRG Energy, Inc. Plans for CFO Transition

PRINCETON, NJ; August 4, 2011—NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) announced that Chief Financial Officer, Christian S. Schade, is leaving the Company in early September to return to the healthcare industry as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Omthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a privately held emerging specialty pharmaceuticals company.

“It has been my great pleasure to work alongside Chris during his tenure at NRG and I wish him well in his new position. His effective leadership in our effort over the past few months to simplify our capital structure has gone a long way towards enhancing our ability to optimize the allocation of the Company’s capital,” said David Crane, NRG’s President and CEO. “We expect to name a new CFO in the near future who will continue the work already done in progress on our capital structure and adhere to our corporate commitment to prudent balance sheet management.”

About NRG

NRG Energy, Inc. is a Fortune 500 and S&P 500 Index company that owns and operates one of the country’s largest and most diverse power generation portfolios. Headquartered in Princeton, NJ, the Company’s power plants provide more than 25,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to supply nearly 20 million homes. NRG’s retail businesses, Reliant Energy and Green Mountain Energy Company, combined serve nearly 1.9 million residential, business, commercial and industrial customers. With investments in solar, wind and nuclear power, as well as electric vehicle infrastructure, NRG is working to help America transition to a clean energy economy. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

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