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NRG Energy President & CEO, David Crane, to Participate Today in a Panel Discussion at the Merrill Lynch Power & Gas Leaders Conference

Princeton, NJ; September 23, 2008—David Crane, President and Chief Executive Officer of NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG), will participate in a panel discussion at the Merrill Lynch Power & Gas Leaders Conference today at 7:45am eastern. Crane is scheduled to discuss current industry issues as part of the "Power Leaders Forum." Approximately one hour in advance, supporting materials will be available on the NRG website – www.nrgenergy.com – under "Investors."

Interested investors can listen to the live audio webcast at http://www.nrgenergy.com under "Investors." A replay of the webcast will be archived on the NRG website.

About NRG

NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG), a Fortune 500 company, owns and operates one of the country's largest and most diverse power generation portfolios. NRG's 48 plants provide approximately 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity – enough to power nearly 20 million homes. In November 2007, NRG won two of the industry's highest honors – Platts Industry Leadership and Energy Company of the Year awards.

Headquartered in Princeton, NJ, 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; and a founding member of "3C—Combat Climate Change," a global initiative taking a leadership role in designing the road map to a low carbon society. For more information on NRG Energy, please visit www.nrgenergy.com.

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