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NRG's Princeton-Based Employees Lend a Hand on Global Giving Volunteer Day

Princeton, NJ; June 30, 2008 – Over 90 employees at Princeton-based NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) participated in the Company's first ever broad-based Global Giving Volunteer Day, lending a hand to five charitable organizations throughout Mercer County.

The day's philanthropic events included:

- Refurbishing computers, painting residential apartment buildings and providing important administrative support for the summer camp at the headquarters of HomeFront, an organization that helps families break the cycle of poverty and homelessness;
- Weeding, mulching and planting at the Children's Garden at Isles, a Trenton-based association that fosters self-reliant families in healthy, sustainable communities;
- Sorting food and loading supplies onto agency vehicles at the Mercer Street Friends Food Bank in Ewing;
- Cleaning and gardening at the YWCA of Princeton; and
- Taking the entire fifth grade class from Trenton's Cadwalader School, who are involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Mercer County program, on a field trip to the Franklin Institute.

"NRG's Global Giving is not simply about donating dollars; what really resonates is the dedication of our employees to live our core Company values, especially respect for our communities and for each other," said David Crane, President and CEO, NRG Energy. "Today was a rewarding day for NRG staff and the organizations we support."

HomeFront's Executive Director, Connie Mercer, thanked NRG for its volunteerism, citing the fact that the NRG team "worked hard and smart and accomplished so much. Thank you for this wonderful infusion of good energy."

Patricia Orr, Director of Public Relations at the YWCA, also expressed great appreciation for the NRG team. "On behalf of everyone here at the YWCA, I thank you and your crew so much for all your hard work. The basement looks better than it has in 20 years and the nursery and camp people are overwhelmed with the amount of work that was accomplished."

NRG's Volunteer Day is just one of the many employee-led efforts sponsored by the Company's Global Giving initiative. Over the past four years, NRG has made financial grants to non-profit organizations that address vital community needs through targeted and sustainable service programs consistent with the Company's four focus areas: community and economic development, education, environment and human welfare.

About NRG

A Fortune 500 company, NRG Energy, Inc. owns and operates a diverse portfolio of power generating facilities, primarily in Texas and the Northeast, South Central and West regions of the United States. Its operations include baseload, intermediate, peaking, and cogeneration and thermal energy production facilities. NRG also has ownership interests in generating facilities in Australia and Germany. NRG is a member of USCAP, a diverse group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. NRG is also a founding member of “3C—Combat Climate Change,” a group that calls on the global business community to lead in designing the road map to a low carbon society.

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