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### **Michael Liebelson Joins NRG Energy as Head of Low-Carbon Technology**

**PRINCETON, NJ; April 21, 2008**—With two wind farms under construction, new nuclear plant applications filed, and a proposed coal gasification plant under development, NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) continues to advance its multi-fuel, multi-technology growth strategy and look for new ways to “decarbonize” its fleet. In a move to further that program and to capitalize on the high-growth opportunities presented by government-mandated renewable portfolio standards and future carbon regulation, NRG is pleased to announce that Michael Liebelson is joining the Company to serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Development Officer–Low-Carbon Technology.

“As we work to repower NRG’s portfolio in the carbon-constrained world, we are excited that Michael has agreed to lead our efforts to add low-carbon technologies to our asset mix,” said David Crane, President and CEO, NRG Energy. “Michael’s strong entrepreneurial mindset, significant industry and business expertise and shared vision of a low-carbon society will help propel NRG forward in meaningfully shaping and executing on our low-carbon technology strategy.”

In his new role, Liebelson will oversee NRG’s current no- and low-carbon technology initiatives including coal gasification, carbon capture and sequestration and biomass, and will lead NRG’s efforts to capitalize on other emerging energy technologies as they are developed.

Liebelson has over 25 years of experience developing and financing independent power projects. Most recently, he has been involved in various initiatives and regulatory efforts in the power generation area, including coal gasification, and carbon capture and sequestration. In 1990, Liebelson cofounded LS Power Corporation, which he co-managed for eight years, successfully developing and financing several utility-scale independent power projects. Prior to forming LS Power, Liebelson was co-head of Commercial Union Energy Corporation and conceived and headed the independent power business for Ahlstrom-Pyropower. He has an extensive background in chemical and refinery process technology development, having worked for Exxon and Air Products and Chemicals. In addition, he has invested in several biotechnology ventures, including Zolaris Biosciences LLC, of which he was CEO.

Liebelson received a Bachelor of Sciences in Chemical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley and a Masters in Business Administration from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

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 and also in Australia, Germany and Brazil. NRG is a member of USCAP, a diverse group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to achieve

significant reductions of greenhouse gas emissions. NRG is also a founding member of “3C—Combat Climate Change,” a global initiative with 42 business leaders calling on the global business community to take a leadership role in designing the road map to a low carbon society.

More information on NRG is available at [www.nrgenergy.com](http://www.nrgenergy.com).

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