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NRG Energy, Inc. Announces Certified Voting Results for 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

PRINCETON, NJ; July 29, 2009—NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) today announced that IVS Associates, Inc., the independent inspector of elections, has certified and tabulated the voting results for NRG's 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on July 21, 2009.

The final tabulation indicates that approximately 88% of the Company's outstanding voting stock was voted at the Annual Meeting, with approximately 75% of such shares voting for the election of all four of the Company's incumbent director nominees—John F. Chlebowski, Howard E. Cosgrove, William E. Hantke and Anne C. Schaumburg—to the NRG Board of Directors. Stockholders voted in approximately the same percentage against Exelon's board expansion proposal.

In addition, NRG stockholders:

- Approved the amendments to the Company's Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan and the Amended and Restated Annual Incentive Plan for Designated Corporate Officers;
- Approved the amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation providing for majority voting in non-contested director elections;
- Ratified the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009; and
- Defeated the stockholder proposal to prepare a report on the Carbon Principles.

About NRG

NRG Energy, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, 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 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to supply more than 20 million homes. NRG's retail business, Reliant Energy, serves more than 1.7 million residential, business, commercial and industrial customers in Texas. A past recipient of the energy industry's highest honors—Platts Industry Leadership and Energy Company of the Year awards. 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. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

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