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### **NRG's First Wind Farm, Sherbino I, Achieves Commercial Operation 150 megawatts of zero-emission wind power added to Texas' grid**

**PRINCETON, NJ, October 22, 2008**— NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) and its 50-50 joint venture partner, BP Wind Energy North America Inc., have completed construction on the 150-megawatt Sherbino I Wind Farm project in Pecos County, Texas. The wind farm developed by NRG subsidiary Padoma Wind Power LLC, is now generating zero-fuel, zero-emission electricity for Texans across the ERCOT grid.

"Sherbino is an important early step in fulfilling NRG's objective of meeting growing energy demand cleanly and efficiently," said David Crane, President and CEO of NRG Energy. "We look forward to a long partnership with BP Wind Energy and to decreasing our carbon intensity through Sherbino and the other low- and no-carbon emissions projects we are developing as part of our *Repowering* NRG program."

The Sherbino I Wind Farm, NRG's first wind project, consists of 50 Vestas wind turbine generators, each capable of generating up to 3 MW of power. Padoma managed the construction and development, which began in late 2007, and BP is now operating and dispatching the facility. The farm is located approximately 40 miles east of Fort Stockton on a mesa spanning approximately 10,000 acres and rising approximately 3,000 feet above sea level.

"The state of Texas has been far sighted in recognizing the value of zero-fuel, zero-emission wind power and other renewables," said Jan Paulin, President and CEO, Padoma Wind Power. "Sherbino I will help increase the state's renewable resources and provide NRG another tool to satisfy growing electricity demand while fighting global climate change."

In addition to the Sherbino project, Padoma Wind Power is developing the Elbow Creek Wind Project, a 122 megawatt (MW) wind farm in Howard County near Big Spring, Texas. The project is expected to be online by the end of the year. Padoma is also in varying stages of development on other wind projects in Texas and California.

#### **About NRG and Padoma Wind Power**

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 and Germany. 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. More information on NRG is available at [www.nrgenergy.com](http://www.nrgenergy.com). More information on Padoma Wind Power is available at [www.padoma.com](http://www.padoma.com).

#### **Safe Harbor Disclosure**

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions and include NRG's expectations regarding the Sherbino project and forward-looking statements typically can be identified by the use of words such as "will," "expect," "believe," and similar terms. Although NRG believes that its expectations are reasonable, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove to have been correct, and actual results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated above include, among others, general economic conditions, hazards customary in the power industry, weather conditions, competition in wholesale power markets, the volatility of energy and fuel prices, failure of customers to perform under contracts, changes in the wholesale power markets, changes in government regulation of markets and of environmental emissions, unanticipated outages at our generation facilities, the inability to implement value enhancing improvements to plant operations and companywide processes, and our ability to achieve the expected benefits and timing of our *Repowering* NRG projects. NRG undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The foregoing review of factors that could cause NRG's actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in the forward-looking statements included in this news release should be considered in connection with information regarding risks and uncertainties that may affect NRG's future results included in NRG's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

#### **About BP Alternative Energy / BP Wind Energy**

BP Alternative Energy, launched in November 2005, combines all of BP's interests in low and zero-carbon power generation: wind, solar, hydrogen power with carbon capture and storage, natural gas-fired power generation, biofuels for low carbon transport. BP Wind Energy is one of the leading wind developers in the U.S. and has a portfolio that includes the opportunity to develop almost 100 projects with a potential total generating capacity of 15,000 MW. For more information on BP Alternative Energy visit: [www.bpalternativenergy.com](http://www.bpalternativenergy.com).

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