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Reliant Energy Powers College Basketball Championship at Reliant Stadium
Company Provides Renewable Energy Credits to Match Tournament Power

HOUSTON – Houston and Reliant Stadium are hosting some high-profile visitors in April and showing them that Houston knows about great sports, great sports venues and how to support a cleaner environment. Reliant Energy has provided Texas renewable energy credits (RECs) equal to the estimated electricity use in Reliant Stadium for the men's college basketball tournament on April 2 and 4.

"We are supporting renewable energy and helping reduce the environmental impact of every player, fan and employee who steps into the stadium during the tournament," said Jason Few, Reliant Energy President. "Reliant Energy buys more RECs than any other electricity provider in Texas. Helping our customers support the environment with emission-free power is another way we are moving clean energy forward."

All of Reliant Energy's residential and small business customers can choose a plan with 100 percent Texas wind and all of the company's term plans include 20 percent Texas wind. Reliant also helped make the 2011 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ the greenest rodeo ever. For the first time in its 79-year-history, the rodeo was powered by 100 percent renewable energy thanks to Reliant Energy.

RECs are created when electricity is produced using renewable resources such as wind, solar, biomass or hydro power. By purchasing credits, Reliant ensures that an amount equal to the electricity consumed at Reliant Stadium during the tournament games is generated from renewable sources in Texas.

About Reliant Energy:

Reliant Energy provides electricity and energy services to more than 1.5 million retail customers—including homes, small and large businesses, manufacturing facilities, government entities and institutions across Texas. The company also offers service to commercial, industrial, governmental and institutional customers in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. As part of NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG), Reliant Energy is backed by one of the nation's largest power producers. NRG owns and operates 25,000 megawatts (MW) of generation capacity, including more than 11,000 MW of capacity in Texas. For more information about Reliant Energy products and services, visit www.reliant.com.

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