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NRG Energy, Inc. Announces First-Ever Quarterly Dividend

PRINCETON, NJ; July 22, 2012—NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) today announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend on the Company's common stock of 9 cents per share, or 36 cents per share on an annualized basis. The dividend is payable August 15, 2012, to shareholders of record as of August 1, 2012. This marks NRG's first ever dividend.

About NRG

NRG is at the forefront of changing how people think about and use energy. A Fortune 500 company, NRG is a pioneer in developing cleaner and smarter energy choices for our customers: whether as one of the largest solar power developers in the country, or by building the first privately funded electric vehicle charging infrastructure or by giving customers the latest smart energy solutions to better manage their energy use. Our diverse power generating facilities can support more than 20 million homes and our retail electricity providers – Reliant, Green Mountain Energy Company and Energy Plus – serve more than two million customers. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

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