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NRG Energy's CEO, David Crane, Applauds the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 as an Important Step to an Environmentally Sustainable Energy Future

PRINCETON, NJ; May 19, 2009—David Crane, President and CEO of NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG), sent the following letter today to Chairman Henry A. Waxman of the Energy and Commerce Committee in support of *The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009*, which is co-sponsored by Chairman Edward J. Markey of the Energy and Environment Subcommittee.

May 19, 2009

Chairman Henry A. Waxman
Energy and Commerce Committee
2204 Rayburn
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Waxman:

I am writing to express my appreciation and support for your efforts to pass the American Climate and Energy Security Act (HR 2454). Your leadership and willingness to seek pragmatic solutions to tough issues, without diminishing either the environmental integrity or the economic sustainability of major energy and global warming legislation, are admirable and we, at NRG, will do what we can to support you and your colleagues in advancing your critically important bill.

As an active member of USCAP, we have learned from our own experience over the past two years about the difficulty of reaching a broad consensus on a detailed and effective policy proposal with respect to this all-encompassing issue. We hope that the work of our Partnership has been of value in helping members of your committee, from various regions and with differing concerns, find a compelling center on this, the overriding environmental and energy issue of our generation.

I look forward to continuing to work with you, your colleagues in the House and your counterparts in the Senate to pass a bill that both protects and, where possible, builds on many of the provisions you have developed. These provisions are essential for assuring that the key greenhouse gas emitting sectors of our economy make the transition to an environmentally sustainable energy future in a manner that is economically responsible and fair to both hard-pressed consumers, who deserve our protection, and businesses, which will take the lead in developing and deploying the low carbon technologies of the future.

Sincerely,

/s/ David Crane
President & CEO

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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