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Limestone Station and Navarro College Team Form Area Technical Center New Opportunity for Local High School Juniors and Seniors

Jewett, TX, January 12, 2009—NRG Texas' Limestone Electric Generating Station and Navarro College are partnering to establish an Area Technical Center (ATC) at the Limestone facility near Jewett, Texas. The ATC provides high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to gain invaluable employment skills and knowledge through a Power Plant Operations and Maintenance Certificate, an important credential for positions in energy and other industries.

The first class of 20 students is scheduled to begin tonight.

Limestone Station will provide classrooms and equipment and will pay a portion of qualifying students' tuition. Navarro College will provide the certified curriculum and college instructors for the classes to be held at the ATC.

"Having a college-level technical center at the Limestone facility will provide students in the surrounding communities the opportunity to receive quality industrial and technical instruction and training close to their schools and homes," said Gary Mechler, Plant Manager at the Limestone facility. "Graduates of the program will possess a valuable certificate that will enhance their employability in high-paying jobs with industries in the area and provide NRG Texas and other local industries with a pool of trained prospective job applicants."

"Navarro College is very pleased to become a partner with NRG in offering this program of study," said Dr. Richard Sanchez, President of Navarro College. "There is need for high paying jobs in our communities and this program will offer students an opportunity to prepare themselves for meaningful employment."

Dr. Sanchez, Gary Mechler and other NRG Texas, Limestone and Navarro College leadership met this past summer to form the partnership to develop the ATC concept.

Following the meeting, John Fry, Training Specialist at the Limestone Plant and Guy Featherston, Dean of Navarro College South, worked closely together to advance the project including meeting with leaders from area Independent School Districts, local industries, and Workforce Solutions for the Heart of Texas as well as attending career days and meeting with local school students and parents to provide information about the program. Through the efforts of these two organizations, on January 12, 2009, the ATC will become a reality.

For more information about the program or for student enrollment, contact Guy Featherston, Dean, Mexia Campus at Navarro College.

About Limestone Electric Generating Station and NRG Energy:

Currently, the Limestone Electric Generating Station generates over 1,700 MW of baseload generating capacity – enough to supply power to over one million households. The facility, which went into operation between 1985 and 1986, operates throughout the year and employs 250 people full time. The Limestone Generating Station is 100 percent owned and operated by NRG Texas, a wholly owned subsidiary of NRG Energy, Inc.

NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG), a *Fortune* 500 company, owns and operates one of the country's largest and most diverse power generation portfolios. NRG's 48 plants provide approximately 23,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to power nearly 20 million homes. 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; and a founding member of “3C—Combat Climate Change,” a global initiative taking a leadership role in designing the road map to a low carbon society. For more information on NRG Energy, please visit www.nrgenergy.com.

About Navarro College

Navarro College's main campus is located in Corsicana, Texas. With three other campuses in Waxahachie, Mexia and Midlothian, the college enrolls more than 6,500 students. Navarro College serves students from all over the world with innovative programs, Internet course offerings and a caring staff of faculty and administration.

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