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NRG Energy, Inc. Declares Preferred Stock Dividends

Princeton, NJ; August 27, 2008—NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) today announced the following preferred stock dividends, payable on September 15, 2008, to holders of record of its preferred stock as of September 2, 2008:

- A \$10 per share cash dividend on its 4% Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock issued in December 2004; and
- A \$3.59375 per share cash dividend on its 5.75% Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock issued in February 2006.

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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 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to power nearly 20 million homes. In November 2007, NRG won two of the industry's highest honors—Platts Industry Leadership and Energy Company of the Year awards.

Headquartered in Princeton, NJ, 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.

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 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.

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.

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