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Jonathan Baliff Joins NRG Energy as Executive Vice President, Strategy

PRINCETON, NJ; April 24, 2008—NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) is pleased to announce that Jonathan Baliff will join the Company as Executive Vice President, Strategy on May 1. In this role, Baliff will lead the development and implementation of NRG's corporate strategy as well as NRG's effort to enhance shareholder value through acquisitions and business alliances.

"Jonathan brings comprehensive industry and financial market knowledge and—having worked with NRG on our capital allocation strategy—specific knowledge of our company and NRG's place in the industry," said David Crane, President and CEO, NRG Energy, Inc. "In the current market environment, we see an unprecedented number of avenues for value-enhancing growth. Jonathan will play an invaluable role in sorting through these avenues and leading our effort to capitalize on the opportunities which we choose to pursue."

Since 1996, Baliff served as Managing Director of Credit Suisse's Global Energy Group, where he advised electric utility and independent power companies on more than \$70 billion of mergers and acquisition assignments and \$30 billion in project financings. He also headed up the Credit Suisse First Boston Global Business Development Council—an internal group of bankers focused on new product development. Earlier, he was in JP Morgan's Natural Resources and Power Group where he focused on various strategic and capital raising assignments.

Prior to his banking career, Mr. Baliff served eight years in the United States Air Force flying the F-4G Wild Weasel, first as a Flight Leader in the 90th Fighter Squadron, and then as a Captain and Chief Weapons Officer in the 52nd Fighter Wing. Mr. Baliff spent his military career serving in the Philippines, Germany and the Middle East and is a decorated veteran of the first Gulf War. He earned a Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology and graduated with a Masters in Foreign Service (majoring in International Finance) from Georgetown University.

Baliff is replacing Steve Winn, who earlier this month took the helm of NRG's recently formed nuclear development company with Toshiba—Nuclear Innovation North America LLC—that markets, finances and invests in new, advanced-design nuclear projects in competitive electricity markets.

A Fortune 500 company, NRG Energy, Inc. owns and operates a diverse portfolio of power-generating facilities, primarily in Texas and the Northeast, South Central and West regions of the United States and also in Australia and Germany. NRG is a member of USCAP, a diverse group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to achieve significant reductions of greenhouse gas emissions. NRG is also a founding member of "3C—Combat Climate Change," a global initiative with 42 business leaders calling on the global business community to take a leadership role in designing the road map to a low-carbon society.

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