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### **NRG's Statement Regarding Calpine's Response**

**PRINCETON, NJ; (May 30, 2008)**—NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) today issued the following statement regarding Calpine Corporation's (NYSE: CPN) response to a proposed combination.

"We respect the Calpine Board's decision but are disappointed that they have decided not to move quickly to deliver the benefits of our proposal to Calpine's shareholders," said David Crane, NRG's President and Chief Executive Officer. "We continue to believe that our proposal offers significant strategic and financial benefits and we remain interested in a combination with Calpine on the terms we have proposed."

#### **About NRG**

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. Its operations include baseload, intermediate, peaking, and cogeneration and thermal energy production facilities. NRG also has ownership interests in generating facilities 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 companies calling on the global business community to take a leadership role in designing the road map to a low carbon society.

More information on NRG is available at [www.nrgenergy.com](http://www.nrgenergy.com)

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The Company 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 the Company's actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in the forward-looking statements included in this press release should be considered in connection with information regarding risks and uncertainties that may affect the Company's future results included in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

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