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NRG Energy, Inc. Adds 40 Megawatts of Capacity to Cos Cob Generating Station

—Additional emergency power generation in Fairfield County—

Princeton, NJ; June 26, 2008—NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) has completed major improvements at its Cos Cob generating station in Fairfield County, Conn. that have added 40 megawatts (MW) of clean reliable power to the site. The plant is now capable of providing power to more than 80,000 homes during high electricity use periods.

“Today marks an important milestone in our efforts to help keep power flowing, especially during the summer months when energy demand is at its peak,” said John Ragan, NRG’s Regional President, Northeast, prior to today’s ribbon cutting ceremony at the Cos Cob generating station. “This project is part of NRG’s commitment to Connecticut and to providing reliable and environmentally responsible energy to the region.”

NRG funded and developed this project that added two new gas turbine units—between the existing three units—bringing total output to 100 MW without increasing the size of the site’s footprint. During the three-month construction period, NRG also added new sound-resistant housings to reduce the plant’s overall noise level, and landscaping to enhance the site’s visual appeal.

All five units were retrofitted to use water injection technology, resulting in a 50% net station reduction in nitrogen oxide emissions and a 97% reduction in sulfur emissions by using ultra low-sulfur distillate fuel. These improvements are an integral part of the State’s effort to meet the Environmental Protection Agency’s ozone standard.

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. In Connecticut, NRG owns facilities in Cos Cob, Middletown, Uncasville and Norwalk that are capable of producing 1,800 MW of electricity. NRG is a member of USCAP, a diverse group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. NRG is also a founding member of “3C—Combat Climate Change,” a group that calls on the global business community to lead in designing the road map to a low carbon society.

More information on NRG is available at www.nrgenergy.com

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