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Reliant and Pappas Restaurants Make Electric Vehicle Charging Convenient for Steakhouse Customers

—Companies work together to install charging station at steakhouse's Houston location—

HOUSTON, TX; January 31, 2012 —Pappas Bros. Steakhouse has long stood out as one of the top steakhouses in the nation and now it will stand out as a fueling station of the future. The Houston-based restaurant company worked with its retail electricity provider Reliant, an NRG company, to install an electric vehicle charging station at its premier location on Westheimer Road in Houston. Now patrons can charge their electric vehicles, courtesy of Pappas Bros., while they dine.

The installation of the charging station helps advance the work of Reliant and its parent company, NRG Energy, to power the successful adoption of electric vehicles and to establish statewide public charging infrastructure.

"Reliant and NRG are pioneering cleaner, smarter energy choices for consumers through the broad adoption of electric vehicles, innovative energy solutions and solar power," said Jason Few, Reliant President and NRG Executive Vice President & Chief Customer Officer. "Having an electric vehicle charging station for Pappas customers to use sends an important message to the community about the future of electric vehicles as a viable alternative to fossil-powered transportation."

"It's exciting to join Reliant and NRG in blazing the trail for electric vehicles," said Christopher Pappas, Pappas Restaurants. "The charging station enhances the extraordinary service we already deliver to our customers. The opportunity for our customers to charge their electric vehicle and enjoy fine cuisine sets us apart from other steakhouses."

The charging station is located in the Pappas Bros. Steakhouse parking lot and can deliver up to 25 miles per hour of charging. Two dedicated parking spaces near the charger will be reserved for EV owners wishing to charge their vehicles while they dine.

eVgo® – also an NRG company - is bringing convenient charging plans to Texas, giving owners of electric vehicles the confidence of being only minutes away from the nearest charging station and offering consumers a fixed, low-cost, monthly rate for charging.

For more information about eVgo, Reliant or Pappas Bros. Steakhouse, visit www.eVgonetwork.com, www.reliant.com or www.pappas.com.

About Pappas Bros. Steakhouse:

Pappas Bros. Steakhouse is the premier steakhouse in Houston and Dallas. Widely recognized as one of the highest quality and best restaurants in the nation, Pappas Bros. Steakhouse serves dry-aged, prime beef accompanied by succulent side dishes, and finished with rich desserts. Our award-winning wine list boasts over 2,300 selections and our wine cellars have an inventory totaling over 35,000 bottles from every major fine wine producing region in the world. Both our Houston and Dallas Steakhouses were awarded the Grand Award, in 2010 and 2011 respectively, which is the highest distinction possible for wine selection by *Wine Spectator*. Pappas Bros. Steakhouse is part of the Pappas Restaurants family of restaurants. For more information about Pappas Bros, visit www.pappasbros.com. For more information about Pappas Restaurants, visit www.pappas.com.

About Reliant:

Reliant provides electricity, energy services and smart energy solutions to more than 1.5 million retail customers including homes, businesses, manufacturing facilities, government entities and institutions in Texas, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. As part of NRG (NYSE: NRG), Reliant is backed by a Fortune 500 company that is at the forefront of changing how people think about and use energy. NRG is a pioneer in developing cleaner and smarter energy choices for its customers and its diverse power generating facilities can support over 20 million homes nationwide. For more information about Reliant products and services, visit www.reliant.com.

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