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NRG Energy Testifies Before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Reducing Oil Consumption through Electric Vehicle Adoption

PRINCETON, NJ; May 19, 2011—David Crane, President and CEO, NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) testified before the United States Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on policies to reduce oil consumption through the promotion and accelerated deployment of electric vehicles (EV), as proposed in S. 734 and S. 948.

“Today, America is experiencing ‘déjà vu, all over again’. As the summer driving season approaches, gasoline prices have risen above \$4/gallon in large parts of the country and the cost of one fill up of a full size SUV is trending towards \$100. And not only is there absolutely no assurance that the gasoline price increases will moderate, every American knows that their hard won income going into their gas tank is headed from there straight overseas to help less than friendly foreign regimes,” said David Crane, President and CEO, NRG Energy. “But now, for the first time, technological innovation has produced a solution that has the potential to break our dependence on foreign oil. Mass produced plug-in electric vehicles, powered by batteries with a range double that of the distance driven by the average American vehicle on any given day, are coming to various markets around the country as we speak, produced by multiple American and global car manufacturers and start ups and more are on the way.”

Crane also discussed NRG’s role in advancing infrastructure to support electric vehicles, and how the government can assist efforts to deploy private capital to advance electric vehicle deployment.

“We already have begun a \$25 million program (eVgo(sm)) to install a network of convenience fast chargers around both the Houston and Dallas Fort Worth metropolitan areas,” Crane said.

Crane added “there is much the Government can do at low to no cost. It can train. It can promote electrical standards and processes to expedite the installation of home and community chargers. It can require preferential parking allocations for EVs at Government facilities and can encourage the same at privately owned parking facilities. Most importantly, the Government can acknowledge that its decades-long attempt to promote car pooling has failed and it can declare that all HOV lanes in the interstate highway system henceforth are instead zero emission lanes. All of this, as I said above, the Government can achieve for little to no money.”

David Crane’s full testimony and video of the senate hearings can be found at the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources webpage at <http://energy.senate.gov>.

About NRG

NRG Energy, Inc. is a Fortune 500 and S&P 500 Index company that owns and operates one of the country’s largest and most diverse power generation portfolios. Headquartered in Princeton, NJ, the

Company's power plants provide 25,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to supply approximately 20 million homes. NRG's retail businesses—Reliant Energy and Green Mountain Energy Company—serve more than 1.8 million residential, business, commercial and industrial customers. With major investments in solar and wind power, as well as electric vehicle infrastructure, NRG is working to help America transition to a clean energy economy. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

About eVgo

eVgo is the nation's first privately funded, comprehensive electric vehicle ecosystem. The eVgo network gives EV owners new freedom and range confidence via home charging and fast-charging stations conveniently located at major retailers, employers and along highways across eVgo cities. eVgo allows EV owners to avoid paying large up-front costs for a home charger and provides unlimited use remote charging—all for one low monthly fee. To find out more, or to join the eVgo network, visit www.evgonetwork.com.

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