

## **Attachment 4**

Attachment 4 provides NRG Energy Inc.'s 8K, REN's parent company, fulfilling the financial requirements for the line of credit or revolving credit agreement pursuant to the criteria set forth in Part 451.220(a)(5).

### **Included in Attachment 4:**

- REN Credit Reports
- NRG Credit Reports
- Liability Insurance
- Proof of PJM Membership
- W-9
- Certificate of Formation
- 2010 Annual Report
- NRG Inc. 10K
- NRG Inc. 10Q
- NRG Inc. 8K

ATTN:Chris Slaughter  
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**Live Report : RELIANT ENERGY NORTHEAST, LLC**

D-U-N-S® Number: 96-339-0724  
 Trade Names: (SUBSIDIARY OF RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL HOLDINGS, LLC, HOUSTON, TX)  
 Endorsement/Billing Reference: CSlaughter@reliant.com

D&B Address	
<b>Address</b>	1000 Main St Ste 2300 Houston, TX - 77002
<b>Phone</b>	713 497-3000
<b>Fax</b>	
<b>Location Type</b>	Single (Subsidiary)
<b>Web</b>	

**Endorsement :** CSlaughter@reliant.com

**Company Summary**

Currency: Shown in USD unless otherwise indicated 

**Score Bar**

PAYDEX®	NA
Commercial Credit Score Class	 5
Financial Stress Class	4
Credit Limit - D&B Conservative	1,000.00
D&B Rating	DS

**Company News**

**Today: Friday, June 10, 2011**

This company is not currently tracked for Company News.

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**D&B Company Overview**

**This is a single (subsidiary) location**

<b>Manager</b>	UNKNOWN
<b>Employees</b>	UNDETERMINED
<b>SIC</b>	4911
<b>Line of business</b>	Electric services
<b>NAICS</b>	221119

**Public Filings**

The following data includes both open and closed filings found in D&B's database on this company.

Record Type	Number of Records	Most Recent Filing Date
Bankruptcies	0	-
Judgments	0	-
Liens	0	-
Suits	0	-
UCCs	2	06/17/04

**Commercial Credit Score Class**

**Commercial Credit Score Class: 5**   
 Lowest Risk:1;Highest Risk :5

The public record items contained herein may have been paid, terminated, vacated or released prior to today's date.

**Detailed Trade Risk Insight™**

**Financial Stress Score Class**

Days Beyond Terms Past 3 Months  
 There is not sufficient reporting trading activity to generate 3 months Days Beyond Terms (a minimum of 3 trade experiences from at least 2 suppliers)

**Financial Stress Score Class: 4**  
 Lowest Risk:1;Highest Risk :5

Recent Derogatory Events

Placed for Collection - - -

Bad Debt Written Off - - -

**Corporate Linkage**

**Domestic Ultimate**

Company	City, State	D-U-N-S® NUMBER
NRG ENERGY, INC.	PRINCETON , New Jersey	79-342-2213

**Parent**

Company	City, State	D-U-N-S® NUMBER
RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL HOLDINGS, LLC	HOUSTON , Texas	02-969-1099

**Affiliates (Domestic)**

Company	City, State	D-U-N-S® NUMBER
RRI ENERGY COOLWATER, INC.	DAGGETT , California	02-542-7696
RRI ENERGY ELECTRIC SOLUTIONS, LLC	HOUSTON , Texas	12-139-1218

**Predictive Scores**

Currency: Shown in USD unless otherwise indicated 

**Credit Capacity Summary**

This credit rating was assigned because of D&Bs assessment of the companys creditworthiness. For more information, see the D&B Rating Key

**D&B Rating :** **DS**

The DS rating indicates that the information available does not permit D&B to classify the company within our rating key.

**Number of Employees**  
Total: UNDETERMINED

**Payment Activity:** (based on 1 experiences)

Average High Credit:	250
Highest Credit:	250
Total Highest Credit:	250

**D&B Credit Limit Recommendation**

Conservative credit Limit	1,000
Aggressive credit Limit:	10,000

Risk category for this business : **MODERATE**

This recommended Credit Limit is based on the company profile and on profiles of other companies with similarities in size, industry, and credit usage.

Risk is assessed using D&Bs scoring methodology and is one factor used to create the recommended limits. See Help for details.

**Financial Stress Class Summary**

The Financial Stress Score predicts the likelihood of a firm ceasing business without paying all creditors in full, or reorganization or obtaining relief from creditors under state/federal law over the next 12 months. Scores were calculated using a statistically valid model derived from D&Bs extensive data files.

The Financial Stress Class of 4 for this company shows that firms with this class had a failure rate of 0.84% (84 per 10,000), which is 1.75 times higher than the average of businesses in D & B's database.

**Financial Stress Class : 4**

(Lowest Risk:1; Highest Risk:5)

Moderate to high risk of severe financial stress, such as a bankruptcy, over the next 12 months.

**Probability of Failure:**

- Among Businesses with this Class: **0.84 %** (84 per 10,000)
- Financial Stress National Percentile : **6** (Highest Risk: 1; Lowest Risk: 100)
- Financial Stress Score :&nbsp; **1386** (Highest Risk: 1,001; Lowest Risk: 1,875)
- Average of Businesses in D&Bs database: **0.48 %** ( 48 per 10,000)

**The Financial Stress Class of this business is based on the following factors:**

- Low proportion of satisfactory payment experiences to total payment experiences.
- UCC Filings reported.
- Higher risk legal structure.

**Notes:**

- The Financial Stress Class indicates that this firm shares some of the same business and financial characteristics of other companies with this classification. It does not mean the firm will necessarily experience financial stress.
- The Probability of Failure shows the percentage of firms in a given Class that discontinued operations over the past year with loss to creditors. The Probability of Failure - National Average represents the national failure rate and is provided for comparative purposes.
- The Financial Stress National Percentile reflects the relative ranking of a company among all scorable companies in D&Bs file.
- The Financial Stress Score offers a more precise measure of the level of risk than the Class and Percentile. It is especially helpful to customers using a scorecard approach to determining overall business performance.

<b>Norms</b>	<b>National %</b>
This Business	6
Region: WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	44
Industry: INFRASTRUCTURE	43
Employee range:	UN
Years in Business:	UN

This Business has a Financial Stress Percentile that shows:

Higher risk than other companies in the same region.

Higher risk than other companies in the same industry.

**Credit Score Summary**

The Commercial Credit Score predicts the likelihood that a company will pay its bills in a severely delinquent manner (past terms), obtain legal relief from creditors or cease operations without paying all creditors in full over the next 12 months. Scores are calculated using a statistically valid model derived from D&B's extensive data files. The Credit Score class of 5 for this company shows that 70.0% of firms with this class paid one or more bills severely delinquent, which is 2.98 times higher than the average of businesses in D & B's database.

### Credit Score Class : 5

Lowest Risk:1;Highest Risk :5

#### Incidence of Delinquent Payment

- Among Companies with this Classification: **70.00 %**
- Average compared to businesses in D&B's database: **23.50 %**
- Credit Score Percentile : **9** (Highest Risk: 1; Lowest Risk: 100)
- Credit Score : **338** (Highest Risk: 101; Lowest Risk:670)

The Credit Score Class of this business is based on the following factors:

- Low number of satisfactory payments.
- Low proportion of satisfactory payment experiences to total payment experiences.

#### Notes:

- The Commercial Credit Score Risk Class indicates that this firm shares some of the same business and financial characteristics of other companies with this classification. It does not mean the firm will necessarily experience severe delinquency.
- The incidence of delinquency shows the percentage of firms in a given percentile that are likely to pay creditors in a severely delinquent manner. The average incidence of delinquency is based on businesses in D&B's database and is provided for comparative purposes.
- The Commercial Credit Score percentile reflects the relative ranking of a firm among all scorable companies in D&B's file.
- The Commercial Credit Score offers a more precise measure of the level of risk than the Risk Class and Percentile. It is especially helpful to customers using a scorecard approach to determining overall business performance.

Norms	National %
This Business	9
Region: WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	48
Industry: INFRASTRUCTURE	40
Employee range:	UN
Years in Business:	UN

This business has a Credit Score Percentile that shows:

Higher risk than other companies in the same region.

Higher risk than other companies in the same industry.

## Trade Payments

Currency: Shown in USD unless otherwise indicated

### D&B PAYDEX®

Timeliness of historical payments for this company.

Current PAYDEX is	Unavailable
Industry Median is	79 Equal to 2 days beyond terms
Payment Trend currently is	Unavailable, compared to payments three months ago

Indications of slowness can be the result of dispute over merchandise, skipped invoices etc. Accounts are sometimes placed for collection even though the existence or amount of the debt is disputed.

Total payment Experiences in D&Bs File (HQ)	1
Payments Within Terms (not weighted)	N/A
Trade Experiences with Slow or Negative Payments(%)	100.00%
Total Placed For Collection	0
High Credit Average	250

<b>Largest High Credit</b>	250
<b>Highest Now Owing</b>	0
<b>Highest Past Due</b>	0

D&B has not received a sufficient sample of payment experiences to establish a PAYDEX score. D&B receives nearly 400 million payment experiences each year. We enter these new and updated experiences into D&B Reports as this information is received. At this time, none of those experiences relate to this company.

**Payment Habits**

For all payment experiences within a given amount of credit extended, shows the percent that this Business paid within terms. Provides number of experiences to calculate the percentage, and the total credit value of the credit extended.

\$ Credit Extended	# Payment Experiences	Total Amount	% of Payments Within Terms
Over 100,000	0	0	0%
50,000-100,000	0	0	0%
15,000-49,999	0	0	0%
5,000-14,999	0	0	0%
1,000-4,999	0	0	0%
Under 1,000	0	0	0%

Based on payments collected over last 12 months.

All Payment experiences reflect how bills are paid in relation to the terms granted. In some instances, payment beyond terms can be the result of disputes over merchandise, skipped invoices etc.

**Payment Summary**

There are 1 payment experience(s) in D&Bs file for the most recent 24 months, with 1 experience(s) reported during the last three month period.

The highest **Now Owes** on file is 0. The highest **Past Due** on file is 0

Below is an overview of the companys currency-weighted payments, segmented by its suppliers primary industries:

	Total Revd (#)	Total Amts	Largest High Credit	Within Terms (%)	Days Slow
					<31 31-60 61-90 90> (%) (%) (%) (%)
<b>Top Industries</b>					
Whol industrial suppl	1	250	250	0	100 0 0 0
<b>Other payment categories</b>					
Cash experiences	0	0	0		
Payment record unknown	0	0	0		
Unfavorable comments	0	0	0		
<b>Placed for collections:</b>					
With D&B	0	0	0		
Other	0	N/A	0		
<b>Total in D&amp;Bs file</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>250</b>		

Accounts are sometimes placed for collection even though the existence or amount of the debt is disputed.

Indications of slowness can be result of dispute over merchandise, skipped invoices etc.

**Detailed payment history for this company**

Date	Selling	Last Sale
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Reported (mm/yy)	Paying Record	High Credit	Now Owes	Past Due	Terms	Within ATTACHMENT 4 (month)
03/11	Slow 15	250	0	0	N30	6-12 mos

Payments Detail Key: ■ 30 or more days beyond terms

Payment experiences reflect how bills are paid in relation to the terms granted. In some instances payment beyond terms can be the result of disputes over merchandise, skipped invoices, etc. Each experience shown is from a separate supplier. Updated trade experiences replace those previously reported.

## Public Filings

Currency: Shown in USD unless otherwise indicated

### Summary

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Judgments	0	-
Liens	0	-
Suits	0	-
UCCs	2	06/17/04

The following Public Filing data is for information purposes only and is not the official record. Certified copies can only be obtained from the official source.

### UCC Filings

Collateral	Negotiable instruments including proceeds and products - Assets including proceeds and products - Account(s) including proceeds and products - Fixtures including proceeds and products - and OTHERS
Type	Amendment
Sec. Party	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS COLLATERAL AGENT
Debtor	RELIANT ENERGY NORTHEAST GENERATION, INC.
Filing No.	4168113 1
Filed With	SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, DOVER, DE
Date Filed	2004-06-17
Latest Info Received	07/20/04
Original UCC Filed Date	2003-04-02
Original Filing No.	3086193 3

Collateral	Negotiable instruments including proceeds and products - Assets including proceeds and products - Account(s) including proceeds and products - Building(s) including proceeds and products - and OTHERS
Type	Amendment
Sec. Party	WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS COLLATERAL TRUSTEE
Debtor	RELIANT ENERGY NORTHEAST GENERATION, INC.
Filing No.	4168119 8
Filed With	SECRETARY OF STATE/UCC DIVISION, DOVER, DE
Date Filed	2004-06-17
Latest Info Received	07/20/04

## History & Operations

Currency: Shown in USD unless otherwise indicated 

### Company Overview

**Company Name:** RELIANT ENERGY NORTHEAST, LLC  
**Doing Business As :** (SUBSIDIARY OF RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL HOLDINGS, LLC, HOUSTON, TX)  
**Street Address:** 1000 Main St Ste 2300  
Houston , TX 77002  
**Phone:** 713 497-3000

### History

The following information was reported: **04/09/2011**

**Officer(s):** UNKNOWN

The Delaware Secretary of State's business registrations file showed that Reliant Energy Northeast Llc was registered as a limited liability company on June 24, 2010.

### Business Registration

CORPORATE AND BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS REPORTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR OTHER OFFICIAL SOURCE AS OF May 21 2011

**Registered Name:** RELIANT ENERGY NORTHEAST LLC  
**State of incorporation:** DELAWARE  
**Filing date:** Jun 24 2010  
**Registration ID:** 4840509  
**Status:** STATUS NOT AVAILABLE  
**Where filed:** SECRETARY OF STATE/CORPORATIONS DIVISION , DOVER , DE  
**Registered agent:** THE CORPORATION TRUST COMPANY , CORPORATION TRUST CENTER 1209 ORANGE STREET , WILMINGTON , DE , 198010000

### Operations

04/09/2011

Subsidiary of RELIANT ENERGY RETAIL HOLDINGS, LLC, HOUSTON, TX which operates as an electric services company.

**Description:** As noted, this company is a subsidiary of Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, Llc, Duns number 02-969-1099, and reference is made to that report for background information on the parent and its management.

Electric services.

**Employees:** UNDETERMINED.

**Facilities:** Occupies premises in building.

### SIC & NAICS

**SIC:**

Based on information in our file, D&B has assigned this company an extended 8-digit SIC. D&B's use of 8-digit SICs enables us to be more

specific about a company's operations than if we use the standard 4-digit code.

The 4-digit SIC numbers link to the description on the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Web site. Links open in a new browser window.

4911 0000 Electric services

NAICS:

221119 Other Electric Power Generation

## Financials

Currency: Shown in USD unless otherwise indicated

### Company Financials: D&B

D&B currently has no financial information on file for this company. You can ask D&B to make a personalized request to this company on your behalf to obtain its latest financial information by clicking the Request Financial Statements button below.

### Additional Financial Data

### Request Financial Statements

[Request Financial Statements](#)

Requested financials are provided by RELIANT ENERGY NORTHEAST, LLC and are not DUNSRight certified.

### Key Business Ratios

D & B has been unable to obtain sufficient financial information from this company to calculate business ratios. Our check of additional outside sources also found no information available on its financial performance.

To help you in this instance, ratios for other firms in the same industry are provided below to support your analysis of this business.

Based on this Number of Establishments

260

#### Industry Norms Based On 260 Establishments

	This Business	Industry Median	Industry Quartile
<b>Profitability</b>			
Return on Sales	UN	6.9	UN
Return on Net Worth	UN	8.0	UN
<b>Short-Term Solvency</b>			
Current Ratio	UN	1.1	UN
Quick Ratio	UN	0.6	UN
<b>Efficiency</b>			
Assets/Sales (%)	UN	250.0	UN
Sales / Net Working Capital	UN	9.3	UN
<b>Utilization</b>			
Total Liabilities / Net Worth (%)	UN	183.3	UN

UN = Unavailable

## Detailed Trade Risk Insight™

Detailed Trade Risk Insight provides detailed updates on over 1.5 billion commercial trade experiences collected from more than 260 million unique

**Days Beyond Terms - Past 3 & 12 Months**

**Derogatory Events Last 1 Months from Dec 10 to Dec 10**

No Derogatory trade Event has been reported on this company for the past 13 Months

**Total Amount Current and Past Due - 1 month trend from Dec 10 to Dec 10**

Status	Dec-10
Total	0
Current	-
1-30 Days Past Due	-
31-60 Days Past Due	-
61-90 Days Past Due	-
90+ Days Past Due	-

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## Major Rating Factors

### Strengths:

- A substantially hedged baseload fleet for the next few years provides positive free cash flow.
- Hedges position NRG Energy Inc. well to ride out the current merchant downturn.
- Significant de-leveraging is expected, through the mandatory 50% cash sweep.
- Texas retail business has performed well and mitigates gas price exposure.
- The generation fleet has a strong and improving operating record.
- Positive free cash flow and adequate financial ratios are expected for the next few years, even under our low gas price assumptions.
- Liquidity is strong.



### Weaknesses:

- Longer-term cash flow exposure to U.S. merchant power market risks;
- Much more uncertain prospects for tightening reserve margins;
- Operational and counterparty credit risks that arise from a highly hedged fleet;
- A relatively leveraged balance sheet that leads to an "aggressive" financial profile;
- Aggressive growth plans, both organic and through acquisitions; and
- Carbon legislation risk that is not currently factored into the rating.

## Rationale

On Aug. 17, 2010, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services affirmed its 'BB-' corporate credit rating and all issue ratings on NRG Energy Inc. The outlook is stable. In addition, we assigned our 'BB-' rating to the company's proposed \$750 million senior bond issue (since upsized to \$1.1 bil) to finance the acquisition of 3.8 GW of gas-fired assets from Dynegy. The bonds were assigned a '3' recovery rating, indicating our expectation of meaningful (50%-70%) recovery of principal in the event of a payment default.

The 'BB-' corporate credit rating on NRG Energy Inc. (NRG) reflects the company's fundamental exposure to volatile commodity markets, balanced by a substantially hedged baseload fleet for the next few years that provides cash flow stability and that has allowed NRG to weather the current merchant downturn better than other independent power producers. NRG's hedges, strong fleetwide operations, and the presence of Reliant Energy, whose retail business is somewhat countercyclical to wholesale generation and which has performed strongly since its acquisition, combine to give the company a "fair" business risk profile. We expect NRG to be free cash flow positive for the next few years, even under our conservative merchant price deck scenario that uses low market heat rates and gas prices of \$5.50 per million Btu in 2012 and beyond for NRG's unhedged generation.

NRG Energy Inc is a wholesale power generator that owns 29,315 MW of nuclear, fossil, and renewable generation in Texas, South Central, California, and the Northeast. NRG also serves 1.6 million retail electric customers in

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Texas. NRG has a major presence in the Texas power market. Pro forma for the Dynegy asset acquisition, NRG is expected to have \$10.8 billion of debt, as adjusted by Standard & Poor's to include operating leases and unfunded pension obligations.

We see NRG's growth strategy as having three objectives: to reduce carbon intensity, to increase scale and diversity, and to reduce the volatility of cash flows to gas prices. This last objective in particular, if successful, could result in a substantial reduction in NRG's business risk. To further this objective, we expect NRG to seek to develop or acquire assets with cash flows independent of, or significantly mitigated from, gas price volatility. Such assets could include projects with long-term contracts including gas-fired generation, nuclear, and renewables; retail power supply businesses; and future businesses with a service-like component such as NRG Thermal, the smart grid, and electric cars.

The key challenge for NRG's management will be to finance this growth strategy in light of commodity markets that may remain weak. The trade-off between growth (whether acquisition-driven or greenfield/brownfield), the strength of operating cash flows, and management's desire to also return capital to shareholders will be the key determinants of credit quality over the medium term. Pricey acquisitions will make this trade-off that much more difficult and may affect credit quality. In our opinion, the combined-cycle plants acquired from Dynegy are much more "aggressively valued" than other acquisitions in the past. In our opinion, the California peakers are worth only about \$100 per kilowatt (kW), which implies a valuation of around \$800 per kW for the Moss Landing and Casco Bay plants.

We also note that the planned South Texas Project 3 and 4 nuclear project expansion has not been factored into NRG's financial profile, due to the uncertainty over the timing of the Department of Energy loan guarantee as well as the extent of NRG's ownership in the project, which would determine equity capital calls. Some debt will be imputed onto NRG's books from the STP project, given NRG's strategic interest. However, it would be less than NRG's proportional share of the project, given the loan guarantee.

We expect financial metrics to be adequate for the rating over the next few years, supported by hedged cash flow and expectations for debt paydown through the 50% cash sweep provision. Financial performance in 2009 was strong, with adjusted funds from operations (FFO) interest coverage and FFO to debt at 3.9x and 24.5%, respectively. Under our conservative merchant price deck, which we use to benchmark peers within the industry, FFO interest coverage and FFO to debt stay around 2.5x and 11%-12% until 2012, after which they decline to 2x and 10%, as the portfolio is largely unhedged. NRG has strong free cash flows of over \$500 million annually even under the merchant price deck. These ratios incorporate no debt paydown other than the 50% cash sweep requirement and the assumption that lenders will take all the cash that they are offered.

NRG's leverage, as measured by total debt to capital, can be somewhat misleading due to the change in the mark-to-market value of hedges, in which they are reflected in equity through comprehensive income. Leverage as measured on a dollar-per-kW basis is more meaningful. This figure stood at about \$385 per kW as of Dec. 31, 2009 (per our adjustments), imputing all debt to the generation business and none to Reliant Energy. Leverage will improve as the company sweeps cash to pay down debt, to about \$320 per kW in the base case and \$350 per kW under the price deck, both consistent with expectations for the rating.

#### Liquidity

NRG's liquidity is "adequate." NRG has sufficient sources of liquidity to more than cover its liquidity needs over the next 12-24 months, even in the event of moderate, unforeseen EBITDA declines. Cash sources include cash on

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hand of \$2.2 billion as of June 30, 2010, FFO of about \$1.3 billion for 2011, proceeds of the planned \$750 million note offering (which will close now; the acquisition closes at the end of the year), and NRG's letter of credit (LOC) and revolving credit facilities. Key uses include \$1.93 billion for the Dynegy and Cottonwood acquisitions, debt maturities of \$632 million in 2011, including the cash sweep, and planned capital spending of \$537 million for 2011.

In accordance with key quantitative measures in "Methodology and Assumptions: Standard & Poor's Standardizes Liquidity Descriptors For Global Corporate Issuers," published July 2, 2010, on RatingsDirect on the Global Credit Portal, relevant aspects of NRG's liquidity are as follows:

- NRG's ratio of sources to uses is about 1.5x, substantially more than the 1.2x required for the "adequate" liquidity category, and sources exceed uses even with a 20% decline in EBITDA.
- NRG's ability to use "right-way risk" asset pledges to collateralize counterparties in lieu of cash or LOCs significantly mitigates liquidity risks arising from commodity price volatility.
- EBITDA cushion in NRG's covenants exceeds 50%.
- NRG has a generally satisfactory standing in credit markets, with bond and credit default swap spreads being consistently narrower than those of its peers.
- Management has been prudent about liquidity, maintaining substantial cash balances in addition to unused bank lines and right-way risk facilities during the last two years.

#### Recovery analysis

Standard & Poor's default scenario incorporates our low gas price and market heat rate assumptions, and assumes that NRG does not add to the hedges that are in place given the low market prices. In general, we endeavor to create default scenarios that cause a clear debt service payment default at the company. Given NRG's highly hedged profile, such a scenario will arise only if we assume major operating problems at its large generation plants. However, we consider it more likely that a sharp and sustained downturn in commodity prices may make lenders unwilling to refinance NRG's loans at maturity, thereby causing the company to default. Thus, our default scenario here is a refinancing default in 2013, when the term loans mature. Although the refinancing risk will be small, we assume that lenders will be dissuaded by the \$1.2 billion in unsecured notes maturing in 2014.

At the time of default, we expect about \$1.18 billion to be outstanding under NRG's secured term loan, \$6.5 billion of unsecured bonds (including the \$1.1 bill issued to finance the Dynegy acquisition); \$190 million Indian River tax-exempt bonds and \$58 million under the Dunkirk financing. (We assume that NRG's \$251 million debt related to NRG Peaker Finance Co. LLC will not be a liability of the bankruptcy estate. This is because that debt is guaranteed by Assured Guaranty Mutual Corp., and that guarantee is likely to be exercised well before the 2013 default date.) We conservatively assume the entire \$875 million revolving facility to be outstanding despite the lack of hedges. However, NRG will not have amounts outstanding under its synthetic LOC facility, given that it is cash-backed.

Even under our merchant price deck, NRG's existing hedges will allow it to generate substantial cash flow and pay down debt until 2012. We calculate NRG's enterprise value using a discounted cash flow methodology, assuming that 2013 cash flow expectations would continue to grow at 2% a year. We also assume annual capital expenditures of \$250 million.

Our discounted cash flow (DCF) valuation yields an enterprise value of \$7.34 billion. A discrete asset valuation using dollar-per-kW multiples for the assets yields a significantly higher value of \$7.9 billion. We note that four

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assets accounted for \$7.2 billion of this value, even when valued conservatively. This includes South Texas Project at \$2,500 per kW, and W.A. Parish, Limestone, and Big Cajun at \$750 per kW each. That the four major assets alone, even when valued conservatively, provide a value almost equal to our DCF valuation for the entire firm provides us comfort that evaluating recovery based on the DCF valuation will yield a very conservative recovery expectation. We provide no credit to cash on the balance sheet at the end of 2012.

Under the above assumptions, we calculate a 291% recovery for the NRG term loan and revolving facility, after adjusting for six months' pre-petition interest and administrative expenses equal to 5% of the value of the estate. This leads to a recovery rating of '1', indicating our expectation of very high (90%-100%) recovery of principal in the event of a payment default. At this level, secured debt is rated two notches above the 'BB-' corporate credit rating.

We estimated recovery on unsecured debt after providing for the payment of all secured obligations, six months' pre-petition interest on the unsecured debt, and assuming zero nondebt unsecured claims (such as rejected operating leases, pensions, and indemnities or guarantees). Our analysis leads to a recovery of 68% for the unsecured notes, leading to a recovery rating of '3', indicating our expectation of meaningful (50%-70%) recovery of principal in the event of a payment default.

Had NRG issued only \$750 million in unsecured notes instead of \$1.1 billion, recovery would have been over 70% (indicating a recovery rating of '2' and a rating one notch above the 'BB-' corporate credit rating). However, we assigned only a recovery score of '3' and a rating of 'BB-' on Aug. 17, 2010, arguing that as a 'BB' category credit moves toward default, changes are likely to occur in the capital structure and unsecured debt could be superseded by more secured debt or diluted by more unsecured debt. This is exactly what happened, well before any corporate distress. Thus, although we assume no change in capital structure for our recovery analysis, some leeway does exist when considering companies rated in the 'BB' category.

## Outlook

The stable outlook reflects the highly hedged nature of NRG's generation, steady operating performance, and our expectations that NRG will balance growth plans and a desire to return capital to shareholders with the company's cash flows. We believe a downgrade is much more likely than an upgrade, given the challenges of low commodity prices and aggressive growth plans. FFO interest coverage and FFO to debt that are consistently below 2x and 10% would likely be a trigger for downward rating movement. Upside potential is very limited, given current merchant market conditions and NRG's growth plans.

## Business Risk Profile

NRG has a "fair" business risk profile, while the rest of the IPP sector is generally "weak" or "vulnerable." Key strengths that support NRG's stronger business risk profile are:

- A long-term hedging program, most of which was executed at high prices, and which provides NRG with positive free cash flows for the next few years.
- Reliant Energy, the retail business of which is somewhat countercyclical to wholesale generation and which has performed strongly since its acquisition (Reliant provides a natural long-term hedge for NRG's Texas generation, and together the two constitute over 75% of NRG's EBITDA);

*NRG Energy Inc.*

- NRG's position as a nuclear and coal-fired generator in a gas-on-the-margin Texas power market that also continues to grow better than the rest of the country.
- No major capital expenditure requirements on coal plants for SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, and Mercury.

**Growth strategy is aimed at transforming business profile**

With its significant free cash flow, NRG's management has embarked on a spree of acquisitions and investments that are aimed at transforming the company's business profile. Major initiatives thus far include the STP nuclear project expansion; the acquisition of Reliant Energy; NRG wind (445 MW) and NRG solar (project pipeline of over 1,000 MW); the Dynegy and Cottonwood asset acquisition; and repowering projects in California and Connecticut.

The strategy has three aspects to it:

- Reduce carbon intensity, given NRG's substantial coal exposure.
- Improve scale and diversity: NRG seeks to expand outside of Texas to reduce concentration and to acquire efficient mid-merit assets that it lacks in its portfolio.
- Diversify cash flows away from dependence on gas prices: Given the commodity price declines in the last two years and the volatility of the past several years, a key focus of NRG's management is to reduce direct commodity dependence of its cash flows. Hedges have been an enormous benefit, but the long-term strategy is to develop or acquire assets with cash flows independent of, or significantly mitigated from, gas price volatility. Such assets could include power projects with long-term contracts (gas, nuclear, or renewables); retail power supply businesses; and future businesses with a services component such as NRG Thermal, the smart grid, and electric cars.

These acquisitions, if well executed, could reduce business risk significantly. The key challenge for NRG's management will be to finance this growth strategy in light of commodity markets that may remain weak. The trade-off between growth, the strength of operating cash flows, and management's desire to also return capital to shareholders will be the key determinants of credit quality over the medium term. Pricey acquisitions will make this trade-off that much more difficult and may affect credit quality. In our view, NRG's track record on this front has been strong, especially the Reliant Energy acquisition for \$286 million in June 2009, which has already earned over \$1 billion of EBITDA for NRG thus far. However, the combined-cycle plants acquired from Dynegy are much more "aggressively valued" than past acquisitions. We think the California peakers are worth only about \$100 per kilowatt (kW), which implies a valuation of around \$800 per kW for the Moss Landing and Casco Bay plants. More aggressive acquisitions such as this will likely endanger credit quality.

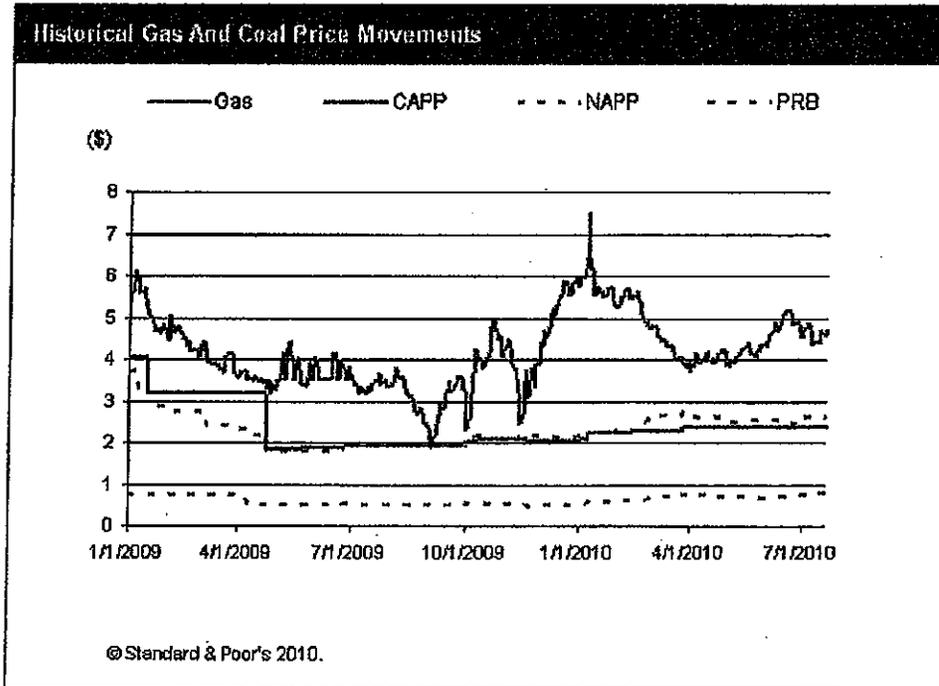
**Hedges and Reliant Energy support wholesale performance**

The past two years have underscored the exposure of U.S. unregulated merchant power generators to liquidity and commodity price risks. Some key factors that contributed to a strong merchant power sector outlook in earlier years are still present, such as the high cost of constructing power plants, difficulty in permitting new fossil fuel assets, volatility in fuel prices, and transmission congestion. However, the recession has not only crushed natural gas prices, but has also pushed out prospects for reserve margin tightening by several years.

**Spot gas prices have rebounded since first-quarter 2010, but forwards have dropped**

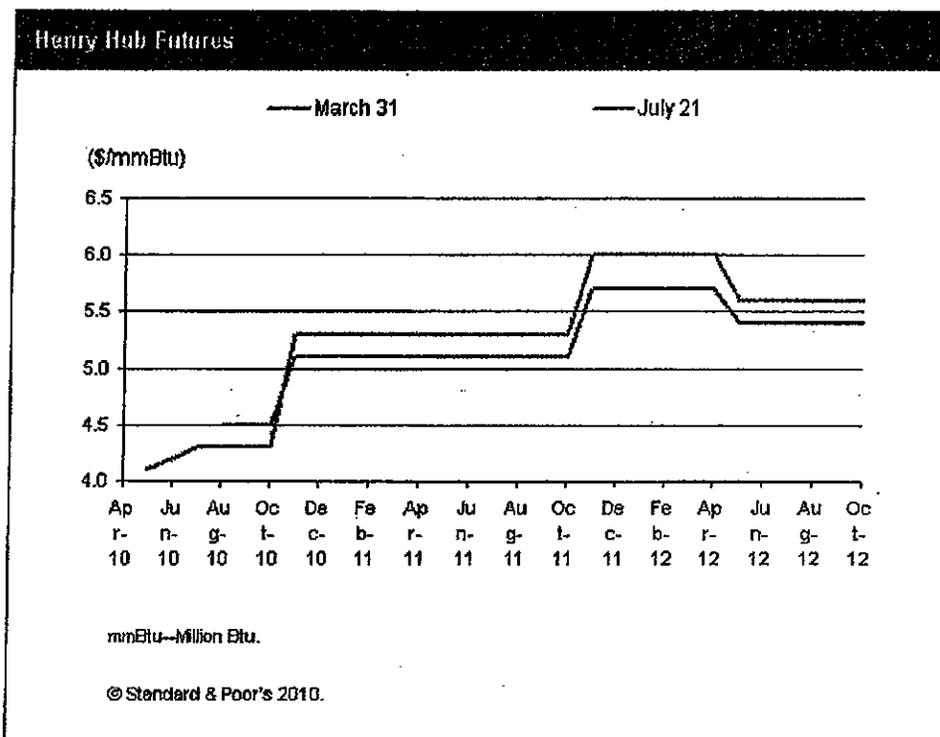
Natural gas prices fell sharply in the first quarter and remain low, although they have risen up from the low points of late March, as shown in chart 1.

Chart 1



Spot dark spreads have thus improved in the last few months, but the same cannot be said of forward dark spreads. As the natural gas forward curves below indicate, the back-end of the forward curve has flattened even since the first quarter of this year, as shown in chart 2. The decline has been more pronounced over the last 12 months. The 2013 strip in the current forward curve has declined to about \$5.90 per million Btu (mmBtu) from about \$7.50 per mmBtu in June 2009. Term dark spreads have likely fallen over the past year. Natural gas prices are expected to remain under pressure, mainly from the dramatic increase in shale gas production but also from weak demand conditions arising from expectations of continued weak economic growth, although short-term price volatility can always occur from supply disruptions or weather conditions.

Chart 2



**Partial mitigants exist in NRG's fuel exposure and Texas market conditions**

The nature of NRG's coal exposure as well as power market conditions in Texas are partial mitigants of the merchant exposure. Ninety-six percent of NRG's coal is PRB or mine-mouth Lignite. Although PRB coal itself has been more stable in pricing than eastern coal, NRG uses PRB 8400 coal as opposed to the more popular 8800 Btu-per-pound heat content coal, which has risen more this year than 8400 coal. Again, we note that although this may be a partial mitigant, the main driver of the dark spreads are gas prices and heat rates, both of which have declined and which will affect NRG's unhedged margins in the next few years.

The Texas economy has weathered the downturn better than most parts of the country, implying that power markets have dropped less than elsewhere. The 2008-2009 period was the first instance when power demand dropped for two years in a row in the U.S., by 1.6% and 4%, respectively. However, ERCOT demand grew 0.2% and negative 1.6% in 2008 and 2009. This outperformance has continued in 2010 as well in Texas. An ERCOT study of demand-supply conditions indicates reserve margins of 17% in 2011 and 12% (the target minimum) by 2015, certainly more than was expected a few years ago but better than in most areas of the country. However, as economic growth has stumbled in recent months, heat rate recovery may be postponed for a longer period because it tends to lag any growth or deterioration in the economy. If heat rates worsen, NRG's gas-for-power hedges will be less effective. We assess vulnerability to this risk under our merchant price deck, which imposes both low gas prices and heat rates.

**Hedges provide substantial support through 2012, but point to weakness beyond**

NRG's baseload generation is now hedged 117%, 73%, 50%, and 30% for each successive year of the 2010-2013 period. If both market conditions and the economy improve in that time frame, the hedges will effectively have insulated NRG from the full impact of lower gas and power prices. Most of these hedges were put in place at relatively high prices prevalent until second-quarter 2008, which is why NRG is expected to be free cash flow positive for the next few years even under our merchant price deck. Beginning 2013, absent a market recovery, NRG's cash flows will sharply decline, with the fall being accentuated by the high-priced hedges in place.

**Reliant is a significant long-term benefit, but may be at the top of its cycle now**

Even in 2013 and beyond, the presence of Reliant Retail in Texas and the long-term full requirements contract in the Southeast will continue to provide significant mitigation against commodity price risks. Reliant Energy, in particular, is a significant positive, as its cash flows are somewhat countercyclical to merchant generation. With NRG's wholesale assets having been built to service this very retail load, basis risks are minimal. Reliant's margins are also cyclical, but with a much smaller gap between peak and trough. With retail rates being much stickier than wholesale prices, both while rising and while falling, retail margins rise when wholesale power prices fall, and vice versa. We believe this is the case currently, with retail expecting EBITDA of \$650 million to \$700 million for 2010. However, by the very nature of this cyclical, we believe Reliant's margins may be at or near the top of the cycle, and expect them to decline from this point. We also believe another factor supporting strong margins in 2009-2010 are the troubles facing Energy Future Holdings, the other large retail services provider in Texas, possibly resulting in less intense competition.

**Operations****Plant operations are strong and improving**

NRG's operations continue to be strong, with availability factors improving consistently over the last several years and operational cost savings adding to cash flow. NRG achieved its 2009 savings target of \$250 million from its "FOR NRG 1.0" initiative ahead of schedule, in 2008. NRG has launched "FOR NRG 2.0," which targets another 100 basis points improvement in return on invested capital by 2012 from the 2008 baseline through revenue enhancement, asset optimization, and other cost reductions. These gains do not include those from hedging or risk management practices. We view reliable operations as very important in light of NRG's heavily hedged portfolio, although the presence of substantial unhedged peaking capacity will cap losses in the event of an outage at one of its baseload units.

**Fleet diversity somewhat limited given nature of assets**

NRG's portfolio does have significant geographical, fuel, and dispatch diversity on a MW basis. However, as table 1 shows, the portfolio's characteristics somewhat limit this diversity. For instance, Texas accounts for 75% of NRG's EBITDA, which limits real geographic diversity. Furthermore, the wholesale cash flows in Texas come disproportionately from three assets: STP, W.A. Parish, and Limestone.

Table 1

NRG Energy Inc. Operating Income				
	2009	2008	2007	2006
(%)				
Retail	25	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Texas	51	74*	62	62

Table 1

NRG Energy Inc. Operating Income (cont.)				
Northeast	18	19	29	33
South Central	3	4	4	7
West	2	3	3	1
Other	1	0	2	(3)
Total	100	100	100	100

N.A.—Not available or not applicable. \*2008 share is boosted by mark-to-market accounting on hedges.

Diversity by fuel and dispatch are also somewhat overstated in table 2. NRG's natural gas and oil capacity consists of both intermediate and peaking units. But aside from the combined-cycle plants just acquired from Dynegy, these units are relatively inefficient, with heat rates of about 10,000 Btu per kilowatt-hour (kWh) on average for the intermediate units and 12,000 to 14,000 Btu per kWh for the peakers. This ranks NRG's intermediate units closer to newer peakers, so their dispatch will be less than that of more modern units. However, many of these assets are in the Northeast and some are located in capacity-constrained New York City (1,415 MW) and southwestern Connecticut (535 MW), and thus are valuable.

Table 2

NRG Energy Inc. Capacity	
<b>Fuel (%)</b>	
Coal	24
Nuclear	4
Oil	12
Natural Gas	59
Other	1
<b>Dispatch (%)</b>	
Baseload	32
Intermediate	37
Peaking	30
Intermittent	1

## Financial Risk Profile

### Accounting

We adjust for operating leases, asset retirement obligations, and pension and other postretirement underfunding, adding \$406.7 million, \$269.8 million, and \$128.7 million of off-balance-sheet debt, respectively.

### Corporate governance/Risk tolerance/Financial policies

Earlier in the report, we highlighted NRG's aggressive growth strategy and the trade-off that NRG faces in balancing this with potentially declining cash flows and maintenance of credit quality. On the financial policy front, we have always noted that NRG places significant emphasis on returning cash to shareholders, as witnessed in the two Credit Suisse Finance transactions, the attempts to modify or eliminate covenants in the past to resume dividends, the ongoing share buybacks, and the migration of debt to the 2019 covenant package. Management has indicated a share buyback policy of about 3% of market cap every year. However, we believe that NRG may need to revisit this policy soon to support its growth strategies, unless commodity prices improve significantly.

NRG's financial profile is "aggressive," with about \$380 per kW of debt as of Dec. 31, 2009. Hedged cash flows and expectations for debt paydown through the 50% cash sweep provision are important supporting factors for the 'BB-' rating.

NRG expects to finance the repowering program with substantial limited or non-recourse project financing. Unlike the international ventures, such debt will likely be at least partially consolidated into NRG, reflecting the likelihood that NRG may support such projects if needed, especially strategic ones such as the STP nuclear project expansion.

#### Cash flow adequacy

Power and gas hedges put in place during the first half of 2008 served the company very well during 2009, as did the performance of Reliant Energy, whose EBITDA was \$1.1 billion in the last 14 months as compared with NRG's acquisition price of \$286 million in June 2009. For 2009, FFO interest coverage and FFO to debt were 3.9x and 24.5%, respectively. NRG's financial performance has steadily improved in the past few years, although we expect 2009 to be the high-water mark given current commodity market conditions.

NRG's base case forecast uses gas prices rising steadily from \$4.50 per mmBtu in 2010 to \$6.10 per mmBtu in 2013. This allows the company to remain free cash flow positive to the tune of over \$700 million every year. FFO interest coverage and FFO to debt are 2.7x-3.0x and 12%-15%, respectively. These ratios appear achievable, given the presence of significant hedges and this forecast's assumption of EBITDA of \$400 million for Reliant Energy from 2011 onward as compared with expectations of \$650 million to \$700 million in 2010.

We have also stressed the company's forecast using our merchant price deck. FFO interest coverage and FFO to debt are unaffected in 2010 due to generation being 100% hedged, and remain fairly strong for 2011-12, at about 2.5x and 11%-12%, respectively. The reason for this resilience is, 2011 and 2012 hedges are mostly from early 2008 and hence strongly priced.

From 2013 onward, with the older hedges dialing down, NRG's ratios will be significantly affected: FFO interest coverage and FFO to debt will be 2.2x and 9.6%, respectively, in 2013 under our price deck. These ratios are somewhat conservative in that they incorporate an assumption of no countercyclical benefit at Reliant Energy from falling gas prices, nor do they assume coal prices that do not decrease in the Standard & Poor's case. Free cash flow is still about \$500 million in 2011-12 and \$200 million in 2013. Leverage remains fairly flat under our price deck scenario.

All forecasts exclude unannounced investments in wind and solar projects, as well as the NINA project. As the decision gets closer, we will likely reflect NINA in the forecast but may not consolidate NINA to the extent of the company's ownership because of the Department of Energy guarantee.

#### Capital structure/Asset protection

NRG's leverage as measured by total debt to capital can be somewhat misleading due to the change in the mark-to-market value of hedges that is reflected in equity through comprehensive income. Leverage as measured on a dollar-per-kW basis is more meaningful. This figure stood at about \$385 per kW as of Dec. 31, 2009 (as adjusted by us), imputing all debt to the generation business and none to Reliant Energy. Leverage improves from \$385 per kW in 2009 to \$350 per kW in 2010 and further to about \$316 per kW in 2013 under the base case and about \$350 per kW under our price deck case. The 50% cash sweep continues to contribute to deleveraging. In the first quarter of 2010, NRG made an excess cash flow sweep of \$229 million, reducing the term loan balance to \$1.976 billion.

NRG is also continuing to eliminate the refinancing risk that exists in February 2013, when the term loan B matures. The refinancing of the secured revolving and LOC facilities in June 2010 also resulted in extension of the maturity of \$1 billion of the term loan to Aug. 31, 2015. The 2013 maturity is now only \$976 million.

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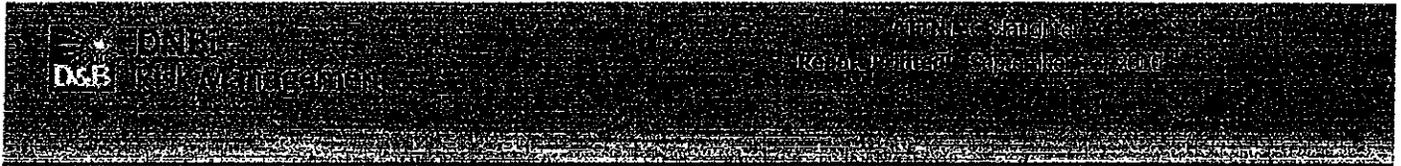
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<b>Employees</b>	4607 (240 Here)
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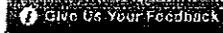
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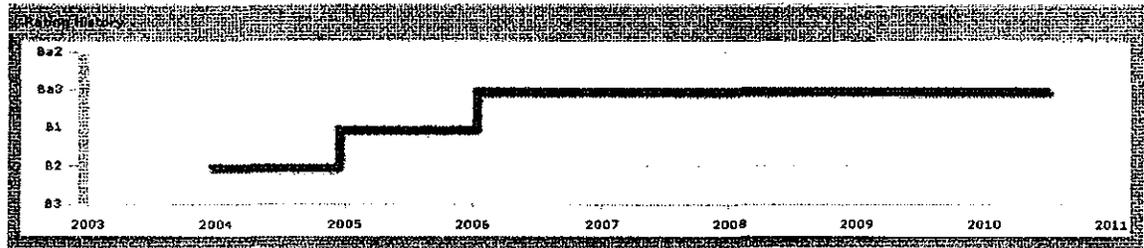
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THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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A		<b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR  GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC	HDOG24935516	11/15/2009	11/15/2010	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 2,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 2,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COM/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000
A		<b>AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS  <b>GARAGE LIABILITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO	ISAH0858218A	11/15/2009	11/15/2010	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ AUTO ONLY - EA ACCIDENT \$ OTHER THAN AUTO ONLY: EA ACC \$ AGG \$
B		<b>EXCESS/UMBRELLA LIABILITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE  <input type="checkbox"/> DEDUCTIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$	X2088A1A09	11/15/2009	11/15/2010	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 35,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 35,000,000 \$ \$
A C		<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY</b> ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? If yes, describe under SPECIAL PROVISIONS below OTHER	WLRC45705225 (CA) WLRC45705213 (AOS)	11/15/2009	11/15/2010	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WC STATUTORY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES / EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT / SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Evidence Only

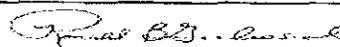
**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Keystone Building, 2nd Floor  
Room N201  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**CANCELLATION**

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE



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# ACORD™ EVIDENCE OF PROPERTY INSURANCE

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DATE  
06/29/2010

THIS IS EVIDENCE THAT INSURANCE AS IDENTIFIED BELOW HAS BEEN ISSUED, IS IN FORCE, AND CONVEYS ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AFFORDED UNDER THE POLICY.

PRODUCER PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): MCGRIFF, SEIBELS & WILLIAMS, INC. P.O. Box 10265 Birmingham, AL 35202 800-476-2211		COMPANY See Attached	
CODE:	SUB CODE:		
AGENCY CUSTOMER ID #:			
INSURED NRG Energy, Inc. including Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, NJ 08540-6213	LOAN NUMBER	POLICY NUMBER See Attached	
	EFFECTIVE DATE 06/15/2010	EXPIRATION DATE 06/15/2011	<input type="checkbox"/> CONTINUED UNTIL TERMINATED IF CHECKED
	THIS REPLACES PRIOR EVIDENCE DATED:		

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

LOCATION/DESCRIPTION Evidence Only
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## COVERAGE INFORMATION

COVERAGE/PERILS/FORMS	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE	DEDUCTIBLE
All Risks of Direct Physical Loss or Damage to All Real and Personal Property subject to policy terms, conditions and exclusions.	\$1,000,000,000	Various

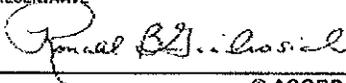
## REMARKS (including Special Conditions)

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## CANCELLATION

THE POLICY IS SUBJECT TO THE PREMIUMS, FORMS, AND RULES IN EFFECT FOR EACH POLICY PERIOD. SHOULD THE POLICY BE TERMINATED, THE COMPANY WILL GIVE THE ADDITIONAL INTEREST IDENTIFIED BELOW 30 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE, AND WILL SEND NOTIFICATION OF ANY CHANGES TO THE POLICY THAT WOULD AFFECT THAT INTEREST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS OR AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

## ADDITIONAL INTEREST

NAME AND ADDRESS  Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Keystone Building, 2nd Floor Room N201 Harrisburg, PA 17120 ACORD 27 (3/93)	<input type="checkbox"/> MORTGAGEE	<input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL INSURED
	<input type="checkbox"/> LOSS PAYEE	
	LOAN #	
	AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 	

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ISSUE DATE

06/29/2010

**PRODUCER**

MCGRUFF, SEIBELS & WILLIAMS, INC.  
P.O. Box 10265  
Birmingham, AL 35202  
800-478-2211

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Keystone Building, 2nd Floor  
Room N201  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**INSURED**

NRG Energy, Inc. including  
Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC  
211 Carnegie Center  
Princeton, NJ 08540-6213

NRG Energy, Inc.  
Property Program Participation  
June 15, 2010 to June 15, 2011

20.00% of \$1BN

Insurer:  
PM Global

Participation:  
20.00%

Policy No:  
LG861

20.00% Part of Primary \$100MM

Insurer:  
AEGIS (US)

Participation:  
20.00%

Policy No:  
L2088A1A10

60.00% Part of Primary \$300MM

Insurer:

National Union Fire  
Aegis Syndicate 1225  
Argenta Syndicate 2121  
Catlin Syndicate 2003  
Ascot Syndicate 1414  
Hiscox Syndicate 33  
Zurich American Insurance Co.  
\*Arch Insurance Company (Europe) Ltd.

Participation:  
30.00%  
10.00%  
5.00%  
2.00%  
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Policy No:  
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E100725

20.00% Part of \$200MM xs \$100MM

Insurer:

Validus Underwriting  
Travelers Syndicate 5000  
Omega Syndicate 958

Participation:  
1.00%  
15.00%  
4.00%

Policy No:  
AJJ090658B10  
E101145  
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80.00% Part of \$700MM xs \$300MM

Insurer:

Great Lakes Reinsurance (UK) Plc  
Swiss Re International SE  
National Union Fire  
Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.  
Zurich American Insurance Co.  
AEGIS (US)  
\*Torus Insurance (UK) Ltd.  
American Alternative Insurance Corp.

Participation:  
10.00%  
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\* - Property placement was made by NRG Energy, Inc.. McGriff, Seibels & Williams, Inc. has only acted in the role of a consultant to the client with respect to this placement.

SEVERAL LIABILITY NOTICE: The subscribing insurer's obligations under policies to which they subscribe are several and not joint and are limited solely to the extent of their individual subscriptions. The subscribing insurers are not responsible for the subscription of any co-subscribing insurer who for any reason does not satisfy all or part of its obligations.



PJM Interconnection  
Valley Forge Corporate Center  
955 Jefferson Avenue  
Norristown, PA 19403-2497

Audrey D. Williams  
Paralegal, Contract Administrator  
610.666.4651 | fax 610.666.8211  
willia@pjm.com

December 20, 2010

VIA EMAIL

Patricia Esposito  
NRG Power Marketing LLC  
211 Carnegie Center  
Princeton, NJ 08540

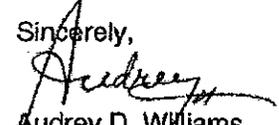
Dear Ms. Esposito:

Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC, became a PJM Member on November 3, 2010 and is known on the PJM system by its short name of "RELENE", Org. ID 19,849 and is a member in good standing.

NRG Power Marketing LLC, signed the PJM Reliability Assurance Agreement on July 19, 2010.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Audrey D. Williams  
Paralegal / Contract Administrator

**SCHEDULE 4**

**STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LLC**

Any entity which wishes to become a Member of the LLC shall, pursuant to Section 11.6 of this Agreement, tender to the President an application, upon the acceptance of which it shall execute a supplement to this Agreement in the following form:

**Additional Member Agreement**

1. This Additional Member Agreement (the "Supplemental Agreement"), dated as of Nov 3, 2010, is entered into among Reliant Energy Northeast LLC and the President of the LLC acting on behalf of its Members.

2. Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC has demonstrated that it meets all of the qualifications required of a Member to the Operating Agreement. If expansion of the PJM Region is required to integrate Reliant Energy Northeast LLCs facilities, a copy of Attachment J from the PJM Tariff marked to show changes in the PJM Region boundaries is attached hereto. Reliant Energy Northeast LLC agrees to pay for all required metering, telemetering and hardware and software appropriate for it to become a member.

3. Reliant Energy Northeast LLC agrees to be bound by and accepts all the terms of the Operating Agreement as of the above date.

4. Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC hereby gives notice that the name and address of its initial representative to the Members Committee under the Operating Agreement shall be:

Patricia Esposito 211 Carnegie Blvd Princeton, NJ 08540

5. The President of the LLC is authorized under the Operating Agreement to execute this Supplemental Agreement on behalf of the Members.

6. The Operating Agreement is hereby amended to include Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC as a Member of the LLC thereto, effective as of November 3, 2010, the date the President of the LLC countersigned this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC and the Members of the LLC have caused this Supplemental Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Members of the LLC

By: Terry Boston  
Name: **Terry Boston**  
Title: President & CEO

By: Deeta Morgan  
Name: Deeta Morgan  
Title: Vice President, Reliant Energy Northeast, LLC

Issued By: Craig Glazer  
Vice President, Government Policy  
Issued On: April 30, 2004

Effective: May 1, 2004



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November 4, 2010

VIA EMAIL

Patricia Esposito  
NRG Power Marketing LLC  
211 Carnegie Center  
Princeton, NJ 08540

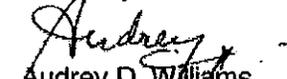
Dear Ms. Esposito:

NRG Power Marketing LLC, became a PJM Member on July 7, 1999 and is known on the PJM system by its short name of "NRGPM", Org. ID 1,953 and is a member in good standing.

NRG Power Marketing LLC, signed the PJM Reliability Assurance Agreement on January 13, 2010.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Audrey D. Williams  
Paralegal / Contract Administrator

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

By:   
Christopher S. Moser  
Company Name: Vice President  
NRG Power Marketing LLC  
Date: 1/13/2010

SCHEDULE 4

STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LLC

Any entity which wishes to become a Member of the LLC shall, pursuant to Section 11.6 of this Agreement, tender to the President an application, upon the acceptance of which it shall execute a supplement to this Agreement in the following form:

Additional Member Agreement

1. This Additional Member Agreement (the "Supplemental Agreement"), dated as of 7/7/1999, is entered into among PJM Interconnection LLC and the President of the LLC acting on behalf of its Members.
2. NRG Power Marketing Inc, LLC has demonstrated that it meets all of the qualifications required of a Member to the Operating Agreement. If expansion of the PJM Region is required to integrate NRG Power Marketing Inc, LLC's facilities, a copy of Attachment J from the PJM Tariff marked to show changes in the PJM Region boundaries is attached hereto. NRG Power Marketing Inc, LLC agrees to pay for all required metering, telemetering and hardware and software appropriate for it to become a member.
3. NRG Power Marketing Inc, LLC agrees to be bound by and accepts all the terms of the Operating Agreement as of the above date.
4. NRG Power Marketing Inc, LLC hereby gives notice that the name and address of its initial representative to the Members Committee under the Operating Agreement shall be:  
  
Patricia Esposito, Director PJM Regulatory Affairs 211 Carnegie Blvd, Princeton, NJ 08540
5. The President of the LLC is authorized under the Operating Agreement to execute this Supplemental Agreement on behalf of the Members.
6. The Operating Agreement is hereby amended to include NRG Power Marketing Inc, LLC as a Member of the LLC thereto, effective as of July 7, 1999, the date the President of the LLC countersigned this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NRG Power Marketing Inc, LLC and the Members of the LLC have caused this Supplemental Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Members of the LLC

By: Terry Boston  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: President

By: Chris Moser  
Name: Christopher Moser  
Title: EVP Commercial Operations

Issued By: Craig Glazer  
Vice President, Government Policy  
Issued On: April 30, 2004

Effective: May 1, 2004



## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Give form to the  
requester. Do not  
send to the IRS.

Print or type  
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return) <b>RELIANT ENERGY NORTHEAST LLC</b>	
Business name, if different from above <b>RELIANT ENERGY</b>	
Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ <b>C</b> ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) <b>211 CARNEGIE CENTER</b>	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code <b>PRINCETON, NJ 08540</b>	
List account number(s) here (optional)	

### Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number
or
Employer identification number
<b>32      0314140</b>

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

### Part II Certification

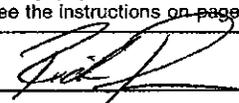
Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ▶



Date ▶

**10/11/10**

### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

#### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

**Note.** If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

# Delaware

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*The First State*

I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF "RELIANT ENERGY NORTHEAST LLC", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 2010, AT 12:10 O'CLOCK P.M.

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You may verify this certificate online  
at [corp.delaware.gov/authver.shtml](http://corp.delaware.gov/authver.shtml)



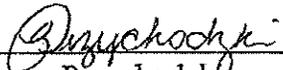
  
Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State  
AUTHENTICATION: 8079597

DATE: 06-25-10

**CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION  
OF  
RELIANT ENERGY NORTHEAST LLC**

1. Name: The name of the limited liability company is Reliant Energy Northeast LLC.
2. Registered Office: The address of its registered office in the State of Delaware is Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle. The name of its registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.
3. Organizer: The name and address of the sole organizer of the limited liability company is Lynne Przychodzki, NRG Energy, Inc., 211 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ 08540.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation of Reliant Energy Northeast LLC this 24th day of June, 2010.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lynne Przychodzki  
Authorized Person