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Northeast Natural Energy Announces it has achieved certification through the Equitable Origin EO100™ Standard

- NNE is the first U.S based company to achieve independent certification under the EO100™ Standard
- Certification includes NNE's West Virginia operations
- Responsible Energy Solutions conducted independent assessment of operations

CHARLESTON, WV– November 9, 2021 – Northeast Natural Energy (NNE) today announced it is the first natural gas producer in the United States to achieve independent certification of natural gas production under the EO100™ Standard for Responsible Energy Development.

NNE is a privately owned company founded in 2009 which is headquartered in Charleston, WV with operations focused on dry natural gas production in north central West Virginia.

The company began the process of seeking independent joint certification through Equitable Origin and MiQ in February 2021. NNE continues to work through the MiQ process and expects to receive certification through those standards later this year.

"I am incredibly proud of our team for achieving independent certification of our natural gas production in West Virginia through the stringent EO100™ Standard," said Mike John, CEO of Northeast Natural Energy. "We have always prioritized the importance of transparency in our operations and the importance of operating in an environmentally and socially-conscious manner. To have our operations evaluated and become the first United States producer to achieve independent certification speaks volumes about who we are and how we operate."

[Equitable Origin](#) has a proven track record of certifying energy production on ESG indicators in accordance with its EO100™ Standard for Responsible Energy Development. Equitable Origin approved assessors evaluated NNE's operations against the principles of the EO100™ Standard, including corporate governance and ethics; social impacts, human rights and community engagement; occupational health & safety and fair labor standards; and environmental impacts, biodiversity and climate change.

"NNE is helping to lead the way in their industry by not only meeting the stringent requirements of the EO100™ Standard, but also going above and beyond in many areas including transparency, community health and safety, land rights, and biodiversity" said Soledad Mills, Chief Executive Officer of Equitable Origin.

Responsible Energy Solutions, a Houston-based Energy Consultancy, conducted the independent assessment of NNE's operations. The assessment consisted of a thorough examination of the company's documented practices as well as a field assessment of its operations and numerous interviews with NNE stakeholders, including landowners, regulators and employees.

"The future of the oil and gas industry will be determined by companies that lead in environmental excellence and social responsibility, demonstrating there's value in doing the right thing," said Roy Hartstein, CEO of Responsible Energy Solutions. "Our extensive assessment of Northeast Natural Energy confirmed they are performing admirably in the field and are a leader in responsible natural gas production in the Appalachian Basin."

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About Northeast Natural Energy:

Northeast Natural Energy is a privately owned company founded in 2009 which is headquartered in Charleston, WV with operations focused exclusively on dry natural gas production in north central West Virginia. NNE's homegrown team of talented professionals are forward thinking and believe hard work and honest and open communications are the key to success in West Virginia. Visit us at northeastnaturalenergy.com

About Equitable Origin:

Equitable Origin is a non-profit organization that created the first market-based mechanism to recognize and reward responsible energy producers and to empower energy purchasers through independent, site-level certification. The EO100™ Standard for Responsible Energy Development is grounded in a set of comprehensive, globally applicable ESG indicators developed with extensive stakeholder input. Certification against the EO100™ Standard promotes best practices and drives improvements in ESG performance while enabling a market for differentiated energy production. To learn more visit energystandards.org.

About Responsible Energy Solutions

Responsible Energy Solutions is a Houston-based Energy Consultancy focused on delivering value through environmental excellence. Founded by Roy Hartstein in 2018, RES advises leading oil and gas companies, both upstream and midstream operators, in implementing ESG strategies and certifications under the Equitable Origin and MiQ standards.

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