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NV Energy To Buy Power From 11-MW Landfill-Gas Plant

SAN FRANCISCO (Dow Jones)--Nevada utility NV Energy (NVE) said Thursday it has signed an agreement to buy the output from an 11-megawatt landfill gas-fueled power plant near Las Vegas.

The plant is being developed by privately held Energenic, of Mays Landing, N.J., at a landfill north of Las Vegas owned by Republic Services Inc. (RSG). Commercial operation is expected in 2011, NV Energy said.

"This project is remarkable because it recovers otherwise unused landfill gas, cleans the gas with state-of-the-art technology, and then uses that gas as fuel to generate renewable energy for our customers," NVE Energy Chief Executive Michael Yackira said in a statement.

Nevada law requires utilities to use renewable sources for a quarter of the power they sell by 2025.

The project will use methane extracted from wells at the landfill to generate electricity. Methane is a byproduct of decomposing organic materials.

Shares of NVE closed 7 cents lower Thursday at \$12.01 apiece.

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