

Gutierrez Mauricio
Form 4
February 14, 2012

FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Gutierrez Mauricio

(Last) (First) (Middle)

NRG ENERGY, INC., 211
CARNEGIE CENTER

(Street)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/10/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Exec VP & Chief Operating Ofc

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/10/2012		M		16,920	A	<u>11</u> 142,615
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	02/10/2012		D		16,920	D	\$ 16.96 <u>(1)</u> 125,695

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Restricted Stock Units	(1)	02/10/2012		M		16,920		02/10/2012	02/10/2012	Common Stock, par value \$.01 par value	16,920

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Gutierrez Mauricio NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	Exec VP & Chief Operating Ofc

Signatures

/s/ Mauricio Gutierrez 02/14/2012

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Mr. Gutierrez was granted 16,920 phantom restricted stock units on February 10, 2009. A cash award was made on February 10, 2012
(1) that reflects the number of phantom restricted stock units multiplied by the average closing price of NRG's common stock for the twenty
(20) trading days prior to February 10, 2012.

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