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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Burke Carolyn Jeanne

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

211 CARNEGIE CENTER

(Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2008

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

VP, Controller

(Check all applicable)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Zip)

(State)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially (D) or Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Code V Amount

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common

per share

Stock, par 01/02/2008 value .01

600 (1) A Α

(D)

5,090 (3)

D

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (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 on f 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 A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 42.82	01/02/2008		A	6,400	01/02/2009(4)	01/02/2014(5)	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
Performance Units	<u>(6)</u>	01/02/2008		A	1,200	01/02/2011(6)	01/02/2011	Common stock, par value \$.01 per share

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
F-	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Burke Carolyn Jeanne 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540			VP, Controller			

Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney 01/04/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents restricted Stock Units issued to Ms. Burke by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit is equivalent in value to one share of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock, par value \$0.01. Ms. Burke will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on January 2, 2011.
- (3) On May 2, 2007, NRG Energy, Inc. announced a 2-for-1 stock split, in the form of a stock dividend paid on May 31, 2007 to all holders of record of Common Stock on May 22, 2007, which resulted in Ms. Burke's ownership of 2,245 additional shares of common stock. The

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Company's Common Stock began trading on a split-adjusted basis on June 1, 2007.

- (4) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Ms. Burke, Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on January 2, 2009, 33 1/3% on January 2, 2010 and 33 1/3% on January 2, 2011.
- (5) Stock Options expire six years from the date of grant.
 - Ms. Burke was issued 1,200 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on January 2, 2008. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 2, 2011 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to January 2, 2011(the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$60.16(the "Target Price"). The payout
- (6) for each Performance Unit will be equal to: (i) one share of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price equals the Target Price; (ii) a prorated amount in between one and two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is greater than the Target Price but less than \$70.35 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

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