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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG] A Gutierrez Mauricio (Month/Day/Year) 03/03/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) NRG ENERGY, INC., Â 211 (Check all applicable) **CARNEGIE CENTER** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Sr VP, Commercial Operations Person PRINCETON, ÂNJÂ 08540 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share 14,268 (1) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title	Derivative Security	Security:	

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Options	08/01/2006 <u>(2)</u>	08/01/2011	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	1,000	\$ 19.4	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	05/31/2007(3)	05/31/2012	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	23,256	\$ 24.875	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	05/31/2009(4)	05/31/2012	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	34,884	\$ 24.875	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	01/03/2008(5)	01/03/2013	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	7,400	\$ 27.915	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	07/26/2008(6)	07/26/2013	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	22,000	\$ 37.73	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	01/02/2009(7)	01/02/2014	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	6,200	\$ 42.82	D	Â
Performance Units	08/01/2008	08/01/2015	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	4,000	\$ <u>(8)</u>	D	Â
Performance Units	05/31/2009	05/31/2016	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	17,600	\$ <u>(9)</u>	D	Â
Performance Units	05/31/2011	05/31/2016	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	17,600	\$ <u>(10)</u>	D	Â
Performance Units	01/03/2010	01/03/2017	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	3,600	\$ <u>(11)</u>	D	Â
Performance Units	07/26/2010	07/26/2017	Common Stock, par value \$.01	11,000	\$ (12)	D	Â

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per share

Common

Performance Units 01/02/2011 01/02/2018 Stock, par value \$.01 2,400 \$\(\frac{(13)}{2}\) D Â

per share

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Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gutierrez Mauricio NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON. NJÂ 08540

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} Sr VP, Commercial Operations \hat{A}

Signatures

/s/ Mauricio 03/05/2008 Gutierrez

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Represents Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") issued to Mr. Gutierrez by NRG Energy, Inc. ("NRG") under NRG's Long-Term Incentive
 Plan. Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$.01. Mr. Gutierrez will receive from NRG one such share of Common Stock, as follows: (i) 1,000 shares on August 1, 2008; (ii) 4,534 shares on May 31, 2009; (iii)800 shares on January 3, 2010; (iv) 2,800 shares on July 26, 2010; (v) 600 shares on January 2, 2011; and (vi) 4,534 on May 31, 2011.
- Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Gutierrez, the Stock Options vested and became exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on August 1, 2006 and 33 1/3% on August 1, 2007. The remaining 33 1/3% will vest on August 1, 2008.
- Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Gutierrez, 33 1/3% of the Stock Options vested on May 31, 2007. The remaining balance will vest as follows: 33 1/3% on May 31, 2008 and 33 1/3% on May 31, 2009.
- Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Gutierrez, the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on May 31, 2009; 33 1/3% on May 31, 2010; and 33 1/3% on May 31, 2011.
- Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Gutierrez, 33 1/3% of the Stock Options vested on January 3, 2008. The remaining balance will vest as follows: 33 1/3% on January 3, 2009 and 33 1/3% on January 3, 2010.
- Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Gutierrez, the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on July 26, 2008; 33 1/3% on July 26, 2009; and 33 1/3% on July 26, 2010.
- Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Gutierrez, the 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.
 - Each Performance Unit will be paid out on August 1, 2008 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to August 1, 2008 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$26.875 (the "Target Price"). The payout for
- (8) 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 \$31.50 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.
- (9) Each Performance Unit will be paid out on May 31, 2009 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to May 31, 2009 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$34.20 (the "Target Price"). The payout 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 \$40.12

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(the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

Each Performance Unit will be paid out on May 31, 2011 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to May 31, 2011 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$34.20 (the "Target Price"). The payout 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 \$40.12 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 3, 2010 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to January 3, 2010 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$38.095 (the "Target Price"). The payout 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 \$44.74 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

Each Performance Unit will be paid out on July 26, 2010 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to July 26, 2010 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$51.63 (the "Target Price"). The payout for each (12) Performance Unit will be equal to: (i) one share of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price equals the Target Price; (ii) a prorated

(12) 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 \$60.62 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

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 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

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