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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gutierrez Mauricio

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(Middle)

NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

(Check all applicable)

NRG ENERGY, INC., 211

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

10% Owner Other (specify

Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 4)

(Zip)

01/02/2009

X_ Officer (give title below) below) Exec VP, Commercial Operations

CARNEGIE CENTER

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Director

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

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

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect (I) Owned Following (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) or Code V Amount

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) (D) Price

Common

Stock, par 01/02/2009 value .01 per share

4,300 Α

25,995

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Se (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non Qualified Stock Options	\$ 23.64	01/02/2009		A	35,100	01/02/2010(3)	01/02/2015(4)	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
Performance Units	<u>(5)</u>	01/02/2009		A	16,800	01/02/2012(5)	01/02/2012	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

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, Commercial Operations

Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney 01/06/2009

**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 Mr. Gutierrez 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. Mr. Gutierrez will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on January 2, 2012.
- (3) 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, 2010, 33 1/3% on January 2, 2011 and 33 1/3% on January 2, 2012.

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- (4) Stock Options expire six years from the date of grant.
 - Mr. Gutierrez was issued 8,400 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on January 2, 2009. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 2, 2012 if the closing price of NRG's Common Stock January 2, 2012 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$30.61 (the "Threshold Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to a pro-rated
- (5) amount in between one-half and one share of common stock if the Measurement Price equals or exceeds the Threshold Price but less than \$33.21 (the "Target Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to a pro-rated amount in between one and two shares of common stock if the Measurement Price is equal to the Target Price but less than \$38.84 (the "Maximum Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to two shares of common stock if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

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