

NRG ENERGY, INC.
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January 26, 2006

**Filed Pursuant to Rule 433 under the Securities Act of 1933
Registration Statement No. 333-130549**

Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, dated January 25, 2006

NRG Energy, Inc.

\$1,016,684,029

20,855,057 Shares of Common Stock

\$500,000,000

2,000,000 Shares of 5.75% Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock

\$[] aggregate principal amount of []% Senior Notes due 2014

\$[] aggregate principal amount of []% Senior Notes due 2016

The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC web site at *www.sec.gov*. Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling toll-free 1-800-584-6837 (Retail Investors) or 1-866-718-1649 (Institutional Investors).

Issuer:

NRG Energy, Inc.

Underwriters:

Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
Lehman Brothers Inc.
Banc of America Securities LLC
Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
Goldman, Sachs & Co.
Merrill Lynch Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Incorporated

Common Stock

The following information supplements the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, dated January 5, 2006, filed pursuant to Rule 433, Registration Statement No. 333-130549.

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| Title of securities: | Common Stock |
| Symbol: | NRG |
| Aggregate amount offered: | \$1,016,684,029 |
| Shares issued: | 20,855,057 shares |
| Overallotment option: | 3,128,259 shares; option to purchase additional shares from NRG Energy, Inc. |
| Price to public: | \$48.75 per share |
| Last reported sale price (January 25, 2006): | \$49.25 per share |
| Net proceeds of the common stock offering after all offering expenses and Underwriters' discount: | \$985,083,508 |
| Underwriters discount: | 3.00% |
| Trade date: | January 25, 2006 |
| Settlement date: | January 31, 2006 |
| CUSIP: | 629377508 |

Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock

The following information supplements the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, dated January 5, 2006, filed pursuant to Rule 433, Registration Statement No. 333-130549.

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| Title of securities: | Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock |
| Symbol: | NRGPra |
| Aggregate amount offered: | \$500,000,000 of liquidation preference |
| Shares issued: | 2,000,000 |
| Liquidation preference per share: | \$250 |
| Overallotment option: | 300,000 shares; option to purchase additional shares from NRG |
| Price to public: | 100% of liquidation preference |
| Annual/quarterly dividend per share: | \$14.375 / \$3.59375 |
| Mandatory conversion date: | March 16, 2009 |
| Threshold appreciation price: | Represents an approximately 24% appreciation over the initial price |
| Conversion rate: | <p>If the applicable market value of shares of NRG's common stock is equal to or greater than \$60.45 (the Threshold Appreciation Price), then the conversion rate will be 4.1356 shares of NRG's common stock per share of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock (the Minimum Conversion Rate), which is equal to \$250 divided by \$60.45.</p> <p>If the applicable market value of shares of NRG's common stock is less than \$60.45, the Threshold Appreciation Price, but greater than \$48.75 (the Initial Price), then the conversion rate will be the number of shares of NRG's common stock equal to \$250 divided by the Applicable Market Value.</p> <p>If the applicable market value of shares of NRG's common stock is less than or equal to \$48.75, the Initial Price, then the conversion rate will be 5.1282 shares of NRG's common stock per share of NRG's Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock (the Maximum Conversion Rate), which is equal to \$250 divided by \$48.75.</p> |
| Cash acquisition conversion rate: | |

The following table sets forth the cash acquisition conversion rate per share of Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock for each hypothetical stock price and effective date set forth below:

| Date | Stock Price on Effective Date | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | \$ 35.00 | \$ 40.00 | \$ 45.00 | \$ 48.75 | \$ 55.00 | \$ 60.45 | \$ 70.00 | \$ 80.00 | \$100.00 | \$125.00 | \$150.00 |
| 1/25/2006 | 4.5630 | 4.4614 | 4.3776 | 4.3263 | 4.2603 | 4.2189 | 4.1724 | 4.1464 | 4.1272 | 4.1239 | 4.1251 |
| 3/15/2007 | 4.7351 | 4.6098 | 4.4967 | 4.4237 | 4.3267 | 4.2649 | 4.1961 | 4.1590 | 4.1333 | 4.1287 | 4.1292 |
| 3/15/2008 | 4.9471 | 4.8153 | 4.6671 | 4.5595 | 4.4066 | 4.3079 | 4.2044 | 4.1572 | 4.1338 | 4.1319 | 4.1324 |
| 3/16/2009 | 5.1282 | 5.1282 | 5.1282 | 5.1282 | 4.5455 | 4.1356 | 4.1356 | 4.1356 | 4.1356 | 4.1356 | 4.1356 |

Cash acquisition dividend make-whole payment:

For any shares of mandatory convertible preferred stock that are converted during the cash acquisition conversion period, in addition to the shares of common stock issued upon conversion, NRG must, in its sole discretion, either (a) pay you in cash, the sum of (which we refer to as the cash acquisition dividend make-whole amount) (1) an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends on your shares of our mandatory convertible preferred stock, whether or not declared, plus (2) the present value of all remaining dividend payments on your shares of mandatory convertible preferred stock through and including March 16, 2009, in each case, out of legally available assets, or (b) increase the number of shares of our common stock to be issued on conversion by an amount equal to the cash acquisition dividend make-whole amount, divided by the stock price of shares of NRG's common stock. The present value of the remaining dividend payments will be computed using a discount rate equal to 8.65%.

Net proceeds of the mandatory convertible preferred stock offering after all offering expenses and Underwriters discount:

\$484,650,000

Underwriters discount:

2.75%

Trade date:

January 25, 2006

Settlement date:

February 2, 2006

CUSIP:

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\$[] aggregate principal amount of []% Senior Notes due 2014

\$[] aggregate principal amount of []% Senior Notes due 2016

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| Title of securities: | []% Senior Notes due 2014 (the 2014 Notes) []% Senior Notes due 2016 (the 2016 Notes) |
| Aggregate principal amount offered: | \$[] principal amount of 2014 Notes \$[] principal amount of 2016 Notes |
| Principal amount per bond: | \$5,000 |
| Price to Public: | []% of principal amount |
| Net proceeds to NRG, after Underwriters' discount, but before other offering expenses (placed in escrow): | 2014 Notes \$[] 2016 Notes \$[] |
| Underwriters' discount: | 2014 Notes 1.875% 2016 Notes 1.875% |
| Estimated expenses of notes offering: | \$[] |
| Annual interest rate: | 2014 Notes []% per annum 2016 Notes []% per annum |
| Interest payment dates: | February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2006 |
| Record Dates: | January 15, July 15 |
| Maturity: | 2014 Notes February 1, 2014 2016 Notes February 1, 2016 |
| Optional Redemption: | At any time prior to February 1, 2009, NRG may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of: the 2014 Notes issued under the indenture governing such notes, and/or the 2016 Notes issued under the indenture governing such notes, at a redemption price of, []% of their principal amount, with respect to the 2014 Notes, or |

[]% of their principal amount, with respect to the
2016 Notes,

plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest to the
redemption date, with the proceeds of one or more
equity offerings, subject to certain conditions set forth in
the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, dated
January 23, 2006.

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On or after February 1, 2010, NRG may on any one or more occasions redeem all or a part of the 2014 Notes, and on or after February 1, 2011, NRG may on any one or more occasions redeem all or a part of the 2016 Notes, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest on the notes redeemed, to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on February 1 of the years indicated below, subject to the rights of noteholders on the relevant record date to receive interest on the relevant interest payment date:

2014 Notes

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| 2010 | []% |
| 2011 | []% |
| 2012 | []% |
| 2013 (and thereafter) | []% |

2016 Notes

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| 2011 | []% |
| 2012 | []% |
| 2013 | []% |
| 2014 | []% |
| 2015 (and thereafter) | []% |

Ranking: Senior unsecured

Trade date: January 26, 2006

Settlement date: February 2, 2006

CUSIP: 2014 Notes
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2016 Notes
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Weighted average interest rate of Notes: []%

Senior Secured Credit Facility

The following information supplements the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, dated January 23, 2006, filed pursuant to Rule 433, Registration Statement No. 333-130549, and the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, dated January 5, 2006, filed pursuant to Rule 433, Registration Statement No. 333-130549.

Aggregate principal amount of Term Loan: \$3,575,000,000

Aggregate committed amount of Revolving Loan: \$1,000,000,000

Aggregate amount of Synthetic Letter of Credit Facility: \$1,000,000,000

Participation fee on Synthetic Letter of Credit Facility: Per annum rate equal to Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Term Loans
Applicable Margin:

| | Eurodollar Term Loans | ABR Term Loans | Eurodollar Revolving Loans | ABR Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Consolidated Leverage Ratio | | | | |
| Category 1 | | | | |
| Greater than 3.50 to 1.00 | 2.00% | 1.00% | 2.00% | 1.00% |
| Category 2 | | | | |
| Greater than 3.00 to 1.00, but less than 3.50 to 1.00 | 1.75% | 0.75% | 1.75% | 0.75% |
| Category 3 | | | | |
| Less than or equal to 3.00 to 1.00 | 1.75% | 0.75% | 1.50% | 0.50% |

Executive Officer Departure

On January 25, 2006, Scott J. Davido, Executive Vice President and President, Northeast Region, submitted his resignation effective January 31, 2006.