

Gutierrez Mauricio  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

(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)  
01/02/2011

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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**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 (A) 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/02/2011		F		229	D	① 32,094
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	01/03/2011		A		16,600	A	② ③ 48,694

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 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 19.83	01/03/2011		A	37,800	01/03/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/03/2021 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	
Performance Units	<u>(6)</u>	01/03/2011		A	16,400	01/03/2014	01/03/2014	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 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 & Chief Operating Ofc	

## Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney

01/04/2011

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) On January 2, 2008, Mr. Gutierrez was issued 600 Restricted Stock Units ("RSU's") by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP"). Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$0.01. On January 2, 2011, the RSUs vested. Pursuant to the LTIP, Mr. Gutierrez elected to satisfy his tax withholding obligation upon the exchange

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of common stock for RSU's by surrendering a number of shares of common stock having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the tax withholding obligation. This form is being filed to reflect the surrender of 229 shares of common stock to satisfy the grantee's tax withholding obligation.

- (2) Represents Restricted Stock Units issued to Mr. Gutierrez by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (3) Each Restricted Stock Unit is equivalent in value to one share of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share. Mr. Gutierrez will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on January 3, 2014.
- (4) 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 3, 2012; 33 1/3% on January 3, 2013; and, 33 1/3% on January 3, 2014.
- (5) Stock Options expire ten years from the date of the grant.

Mr. Gutierrez was issued 16,400 Performance Units by NRG under the LTIP on January 3, 2011. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 3, 2014 if the average of the closing price of NRG's Common Stock on January 3, 2014 and the nineteen preceeding tracking days (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$24.57 (the "Threshold Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to a

- (6) pro-rated amount in between one-half and one share of common stock if the Measurement Price equals or exceeds the Threshold Price but less than \$26.66 (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 \$31.17 (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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