

ROCHWARGER GEOFFREY
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FORM 4

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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 *
ROCHWARGER GEOFFREY

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GENIE ENERGY LTD., 550 BROAD STREET

(Street)

NEWARK, NJ 07102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Genie Energy Ltd. [GNE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/08/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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)
Class B Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share				(A) or (D)	37,476 ⁽¹⁾	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 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.85	12/08/2011		D ⁽²⁾	889	<u>(2)</u> 12/13/2011	Class B Common Stock	889
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.85	12/08/2011		A ⁽²⁾	889	<u>(2)</u> 04/15/2012	Class B Common Stock	889

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROCHWARGER GEOFFREY C/O GENIE ENERGY LTD. 550 BROAD STREET NEWARK, NJ 07102			Vice Chairman	

Signatures

Joyce J. Mason, by Power of Attorney
12/12/2011

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) Includes Restricted Stock that vests as follows: 12,487 shares on November 3, 2012 and 12,488 shares on each of November 3, 2013 and November 3, 2014. Mr. Rochwarger will also receive 18,000 shares of Class B Common Stock on each of January 5, 2012, January 5, 2013 and January 5, 2014 for a total of 54,000 shares in connection with IDT Corporation's pro-rata spinoff of the Registrant. Such shares will be issued pursuant to a Separation Agreement between IDT Corporation and the Registrant in conjunction with a Deferred Stock

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Agreement between Mr. Rochwarger and IDT Corporation under which upon the occurrence of certain events Mr. Rochwarger will be granted 18,000 shares of IDT Corporation Class B Common Stock on each of January 5, 2012, January 5, 2013 and January 5, 2014.

- The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date, resulting in the deemed
- (2) cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on November 3, 2011 and vested immediately.

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