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February 03, 2009

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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

NRG Energy, Inc.

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(Name of Company)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

629377508

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

SOLUS ALTERNATIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT LP  
Attn: Joseph Lonetto  
430 Park Avenue, 9th Floor  
New York, New York 10022  
212-284-4300

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 30, 2009

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(Date of Event which Requires  
Filing of this Schedule)

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| 1   | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON                                |
|   | Solus Alternative Asset Management LP                   |
| -----   |   |
| 2   | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP        |
|   | (a) [ ]   |
|   | (b) [X]   |
| -----   |   |
| 3   | SEC USE ONLY  |
| -----   |   |
| 4   | SOURCE OF FUNDS*  |
|   | AF (See Item 3)   |
| -----   |   |
| 5   | CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED |
|   | PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]                      |
| -----   |   |
| 6   | CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION                    |
|   | Delaware  |
| -----   |   |
|   | 7   |
|   | SOLE VOTING POWER                                       |
|   | 0   |
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| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH | 8   |
|   | SHARED VOTING POWER                                     |
|   | 14,025,000 (See Item 5)                                 |
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|   | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER                                  |
|   | 0   |
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|   | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER                                |
|   | 14,025,000 (See Item 5)                                 |

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 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON  
 14,025,000 (See Item 5)  
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 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
 CERTAIN SHARES\* [ ]  
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 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) (see Item 5)  
 6.0%  
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 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
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 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
 Solus GP LLC  
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 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [ ]  
 (b) [X]  
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 3 SEC USE ONLY  
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 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*  
 AF (See Item 3)  
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 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED  
 PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]  
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 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 Delaware  
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 7 SOLE VOTING POWER  
 0  
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 14,025,000 (See Item 5)  
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 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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PERSON WITH

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10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

14,025,000 (See Item 5)

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON

14,025,000 (See Item 5)

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) (see Item 5)

6.0%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Christopher Pucillo

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)   
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

AF (See Item 3)

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States of America

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

0

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| NUMBER OF<br>SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY<br>OWNED BY<br>EACH<br>REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH | -----<br>8<br>-----<br>14,025,000 (See Item 5)<br>-----<br>9<br>-----<br>0<br>-----<br>10<br>-----<br>14,025,000 (See Item 5)<br>----- | SHARED VOTING POWER<br><br><br>SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER<br><br><br>SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER<br><br><br>14,025,000 (See Item 5) |
| 11  | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON   | 14,025,000 (See Item 5)  |
| 12  | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*   | [ ]  |
| 13  | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)<br>(see Item 5)   | 6.0%   |
| 14  | TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*  | IN   |

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ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER.

This statement on Schedule 13D relates to the shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock") of NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"). Unless the context otherwise requires, references herein to the "Shares" are to the Common Stock of the Company. The Company's principal executive office is located at 211 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND.

(a) This Schedule 13D is being filed by (i) Solus Alternative Asset Management LP ("Solus"), as investment manager to Sola Ltd ("Sola") and Solus Core Opportunities Master Fund Ltd ("Core"), each of which is a Cayman Islands exempted company and each of which directly owns shares of Common Stock, and (ii) Solus GP LLC, as the general partner of Solus ("Solus GP"), and (iii) Christopher Pucillo, as the managing member of Solus GP (the "Principal").

Solus, Solus GP and the Principal are hereinafter referred to as the "Reporting Persons." Any disclosures herein with respect to persons other than the Reporting Persons are made on information and belief after making inquiry to the appropriate party.

The Reporting Persons are making this single, joint filing because they

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may be deemed to constitute a "group" within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Act. The agreement among the Reporting Persons to file jointly (the "Joint Filing Agreement") is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

(b) The address of the principal business office of the Reporting Persons is 430 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

(c) The Reporting Persons are primarily engaged in the business of investing in securities.

(d) None of the Reporting Persons nor any of the Reporting Persons' executive officers or members has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) None of the Reporting Persons nor any of the Reporting Persons' executive officers or members has, during the last five years, been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) Solus is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Solus GP is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Principal is a citizen of the United States of America.

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### ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.

The aggregate purchase price for the 14,025,000 Shares was approximately \$417,425,008. The Reporting Persons do not directly own any Shares. The funds for the purchase the Shares reported in this Schedule 13D were derived from margin account borrowings made in the ordinary course of business.

### ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

The Reporting Persons initially reported this investment on a Schedule 13G filed on February 14, 2008. The Reporting Persons initially acquired the Shares for investment in the ordinary course of business because they believed the Shares presented an attractive investment opportunity. The Reporting Persons decided to file this Schedule 13D to express support for the determination by the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") that the tender offer made by Exelon Corporation and Exelon Xchange Corporation (the "Tender Offer") is inadequate.

On January 30, 2009, the Reporting Persons sent a letter (the "Letter") to the Company expressing their support for the determination by the Board that the Tender Offer is inadequate and to urge the Board to evaluate the Tender Offer on its merits and in light of the expected long-term value of the Company's business. The Reporting Persons or their representatives may engage in future discussions with management, the Board, other stockholders of the Company and other relevant parties regarding the matters contained in the Letter, or any other matters of interest to the Company's stockholders. A copy of the Letter is attached hereto as Exhibit B and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Except as set forth herein or as would occur upon completion of any of the actions discussed herein, the Reporting Persons do not have any present plan or proposal that would relate to, or result in, any of the matters set forth in subparagraphs (a) - (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D. The Reporting Persons intend to review their investment in the Company on a continuing basis and may engage in discussions with management, the Board, other stockholders of the Company and other relevant parties concerning the business, operations, management, strategy and future plans of the Company. Depending on various factors including, without limitation, the Company's financial position and strategic direction, the outcome of any discussions and actions referenced above, actions taken by the Board, price levels of the Common Stock, other investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons, conditions in the securities market and general economic and industry conditions, the Reporting Persons may in the future take such actions with respect to their investment in the Company as they deem appropriate including, without limitation, purchasing additional shares of Common Stock, selling some or all of their Shares, engaging in short selling of or any hedging or similar transactions with respect to the Shares and/or otherwise changing their intention with respect to any and all matters referred in Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

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### ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY.

(a) Sola directly owns 13,525,000 shares of Common Stock. Core directly owns 500,000 shares of Common Stock. Sola and Core directly own a total of 14,025,000 of the Shares, representing approximately 6.0% of the Company's outstanding Common Stock (based upon the 233,047,222 Shares stated to be outstanding by the Company as of October 23, 2008 in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 30, 2008). The Reporting Persons have been delegated voting and dispositive authority over the securities directly owned by Sola and Core. The Reporting Persons do not directly own any shares of Common Stock. The Reporting Persons expressly disclaim beneficial ownership of any Common Stock.

(b) The Reporting Persons have shared voting power with respect to 14,025,000 Shares. The Reporting Persons expressly disclaim beneficial ownership of Common Stock.

(c) Information concerning transactions in the Shares effected by the Reporting Persons during the past sixty days is set forth on Exhibit C hereto. All of the transactions in Shares listed hereto were effected in open market purchases on the New York Stock Exchange through various brokerage entities.

(d) No person (other than the Reporting Persons and their managed entities) is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Shares.

(e) Not applicable.

### ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY.

The Reporting Persons do not have any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship with any person with respect to securities of the Company.

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ITEM 7. MATERIAL TO BE FILED AS EXHIBITS.

Exhibit A - Joint Filing Agreement dated February 3, 2009, signed by each of the Reporting Persons in order to confirm that this statement is being filed on behalf of each of the Reporting Persons.

Exhibit B - Letter to the Board, dated January 30, 2009, signed by the Principal on behalf of Sola and Core.

Exhibit C - Transactions in the Company's Common Stock during the last 60 days.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATED: February 3, 2009

By: /s/ Christopher Pucillo  
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Christopher Pucillo  
individually and as managing member of  
Solus GP LLC,  
for itself and as the general partner of  
Solus Alternative Asset Management LP

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EXHIBIT A

JOINT ACQUISITION STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(K)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13D, is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13D, shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the others, except to the extent that he or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

DATED: February 3, 2009



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By: /s/ Christopher Pucillo

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Christopher Pucillo  
individually and as managing member of  
Solus GP LLC,  
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Solus Alternative Asset Management LP

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EXHIBIT B

LETTER TO THE BOARD

SOLUS  
ALTERNATIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT

January 29, 2009

Howard Cosgrove  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
NRG Energy, Inc.  
211 Carnegie Center  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Mr. Cosgrove:

As you may know, Solus Alternative Asset Management LP is investment adviser to Sola Ltd and Solus Core Opportunities Master Fund Ltd, two funds that are longstanding stockholders of NRG Energy, Inc. Like all NRG shareholders, we have a vital interest in assuring that NRG's board of directors (the "Board") responds appropriately to the unsolicited exchange offer being made by Exelon Corporation ("Exelon"). After careful consideration, we unconditionally agree with the Board's view that Exelon's offer in its current form is inadequate because it is highly conditional and significantly undervalues NRG.

We are particularly concerned about Exelon's recent press release claiming that the tender of 45.6% of NRG's stock in response to the exchange offer "speaks powerfully to the merits of [its] proposed transaction . . . ." We understand that a significant number of NRG stockholders also have substantial holdings of Exelon - a matter not mentioned in Exelon's release. To the extent that NRG holders who have tendered into the current offer have more invested in

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Exelon, their decision to tender may well represent a judgment that the offer is favorable to EXELON rather than NRG.

The Board should evaluate the exchange offer on its merits and in light of the expected long-term value of NRG's business, rather than on the basis of self-interested arguments concerning the significance of stockholder reaction to the current offer. As I am sure you know, under Delaware law, the NRG Board must act in the interests of ALL NRG stockholders but may take into account the fact that some stockholders have goals that conflict with the interests of other stockholders. SEE UNOCAL v. MESA, 493 A.2d 946, 955 (Del. 1985) (a board of directors in responding to a takeover bid may consider another person's stock ownership; board's duty is to protect "the corporation and its owners from perceived harm whether a threat originates from third parties or other shareholders.")

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We urge the Board to continue to seek to maximize stockholder value and protect the interests of all NRG stockholders.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Christopher Pucillo  
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Christopher Pucillo,  
President and Chief Investment Officer of  
Solus Alternative Asset Management LP

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EXHIBIT C

TRANSACTIONS IN THE COMPANY'S COMMON STOCK DURING THE LAST 60 DAYS

Transactions effected by Sola:

| Date of Transaction | Shares Purchased (Sold)                 | Price per Share (\$) |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| 11/21/2008          | NRG Energy Common Shares<br>(Purchased) | 17.0329              |
| 11/21/2008          | NRG Energy Common Shares<br>(Purchased) | 18.9464              |
| 12/18/2008          | NRG Energy Common Shares<br>(Purchased) | 22.2                 |
| 12/18/2008          | NRG Energy Common Shares<br>(Purchased) | 22.2                 |
| 1/16/2009           | NRG Energy Common Shares<br>(Purchased) | 23.3393              |
| 1/16/2009           | NRG Energy Common Shares<br>(Sold)      | 23.9065              |