

CRANE DAVID W  
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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 \*  
CRANE DAVID W

(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)  
01/02/2013

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)  
President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/02/2012		A	(A) or (D) Amount (D) Price 69,700 (1)	A (2) 643,028 (3)	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Market Stock Units	(4)	01/02/2013		A	117,200	01/02/2016 01/02/2016	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share 234,400 (5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CRANE DAVID W NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney  
Date: 01/04/2013

\*\*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 the Reporting Person under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP").
- (2) Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$.01. The Reporting Person will receive from NRG one such share of Common Stock for each RSU on January 2, 2016.
- (3) Includes 1,355 shares acquired under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan since the Reporting Person's last filing.  
The Reporting Person was issued 117,200 Market Stock Units ("MSUs") by NRG under the LTIP on January 2, 2013. The MSUs will convert to shares of NRG Common Stock on January 2, 2016 only in the event the Company has achieved a certain level of total shareholder return. Total shareholder return will consist of the average of the closing price of NRG's Common Stock on January 2, 2016 and the nineteen preceding trading days and any dividends paid since the grant date as determined by the Compensation Committee.
- (4) The Reporting Person will receive a maximum of 234,400 shares of Common Stock if the Company has achieved a 100% increase in total shareholder return since the grant date (the "Maximum"); 117,200 shares of Common Stock if there is no change in total shareholder return since the grant date (the "Target"); or 58,600 shares of Common Stock if there is a 50% decrease in total shareholder return since the grant date (the "Threshold"). The Reporting Person will not receive any shares of Common Stock if total shareholder return has decreased by more than 50% since the grant date. The number of shares of Common Stock that the Reporting Person may receive is interpolated for total shareholder return falling between Threshold, Target, and Maximum levels.
- (5)

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