

NRG ENERGY, INC.
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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)
08/01/2008

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)
Sr VP, Commercial Operations

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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	08/01/2008		M		4,000 A (1) 20,368	D	
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	08/01/2008		F		1,338 D (2) 19,030	D	
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	08/01/2008		F		335 D (3) 18,695	D	

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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)
Performance Units	(1)	08/01/2008		M	4,000	08/01/2008 08/01/2008	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 4,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gutierrez Mauricio NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540			Sr VP, Commercial Operations	

Signatures

/s/Mauricio Gutierrez 08/04/2008

**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) Mr. Gutierrez was issued 4,000 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on August 1, 2005. Each Performance Unit was subject to pay out if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to August 1, 2008 (the "Measurement Price") was equal to or greater than \$26.875 (the "Target Price"). The payout for

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each Performance Unit was equal to: (i) one share of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price equaled the Target Price; (ii) a prorated amount in between one and two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price was greater than the Target Price but less than \$31.50 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price was equal to or greater than the Maximum Price. On August 1, 2008 the Measurement Price was greater than the Maximum Price.

- (2) Pursuant to NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan, Mr. Gutierrez elected to satisfy his tax withholding obligation upon the exchange of common stock for Performance Units 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 reflects the surrender of 1,338 shares of common stock to satisfy the grantee's tax withholding obligation.

- (3) On August 1, 2005, Mr. Gutierrez was issued 1,000 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") 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 August 1, 2008, all of the originally granted RSUs vested. Pursuant to the LTIP, Mr. Gutierrez elected to satisfy his tax withholding obligation upon the exchange of common stock for RSUs 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 reflects the surrender of 335 shares of common stock to satisfy the grantee's tax withholding obligation.

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