

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)

03/07/2012

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) | 49,255 ⁽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 | 03/07/2012 | | D ⁽²⁾ | 889 | ⁽²⁾ 04/15/2012 | Class B Common Stock | 889 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.85 | 03/07/2012 | | A ⁽²⁾ | 889 | ⁽²⁾ 06/15/2013 | 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
03/09/2012

**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) Consists of 37,463 shares of the Company's unvested Class B Common Restricted Stock and 11,792 shares of the Company's Class B Common Stock held by Mr. Rochwarger directly.
- (2) The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date, resulting in the deemed cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on November 3, 2011 and

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vested immediately.

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