

Hill Thad  
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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 \*  
Hill Thad

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

NRG ENERGY, INC., 211  
CARNEGIE CENTER

02/03/2006

EVP, Bus. Dev. & Strategic Pln

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 \$0.01 per share <sup>(1)</sup> | 02/03/2006                           |  | A                              |   | 4,300<br><u>(1)</u>   | A  | <u>(2)</u> 73,076 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 47.27   | 02/03/2006                           |  | A                              | 36,400  | 02/03/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/03/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>      | Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share |
| Performance Units                          | <u>(5)</u>   | 02/03/2006                           |  | A                              | 16,800  | 02/03/2009 <sup>(5)</sup> 02/03/2009                     | Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Hill Thad<br>NRG ENERGY, INC.<br>211 CARNEGIE CENTER<br>PRINCETON, NJ 08540 |               |           | EVP, Bus. Dev. & Strategic Pln |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Tanuja M. Dehne, under Power of Attorney  
02/06/2006

         \*\*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 Mr. Hill by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit is equivalent in value to one share of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock, par value \$0.01. Mr. Hill will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on February 3, 2009.
- (3) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Hill, the Stock Option will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on February 3, 2007, 33 1/3% on February 3, 2008 and 33 1/3% on February 3, 2009.

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- (4) Stock options expire six years from the date of the grant.

Mr. Hill was issued 8,400 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on February 3, 2006. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on February 3, 2009 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to February 3, 2009 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$66.41 (the "Target Price"). The

- (5) payout for each Performance Unit will be equal to: (i) one share of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price equals the Target Price; (ii) a prorated amount in between one and two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is greater than the Target Price but less than \$77.67 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

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