

Baliff Jonathan
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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 *
Baliff Jonathan

(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)
05/01/2008

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)
Executive VP, Strategy

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 | 05/01/2008 | | A | | 4,000 (1) | A | \$ 0 (2) 4,000 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options | \$ 42.67 | 05/01/2008 | | A | 40,000 | 05/01/2009 ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2014 ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share |
| Performance Units | <u>(5)</u> | 05/01/2008 | | A | 15,400 | 05/01/2011 05/01/2011 | Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Baliff Jonathan NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540 | | | Executive VP, Strategy | |

Signatures

/s/Jonathan
Baliff 05/02/2008
 **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) Represents Restricted Stock Units issued to Mr. Baliff 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. Baliff will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on May 1, 2011.
- (3) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Baliff, the Stock Option will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on May 1, 2009, 33 1/3% on May 1, 2010 and 33 1/3% on May 1, 2011.

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

Mr. Baliff was issued 7,700 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on May 1, 2008. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on May 1, 2011 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to May 1, 2011 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$59.95 (the "Target Price").

- (5) The 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 \$70.11 (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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