

NRG ENERGY, INC.  
Form 8-K  
January 23, 2009

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) January 22, 2009  
NRG Energy, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)  
**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-15891**

(Commission File Number)

**41-1724239**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**211 Carnegie Center**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**Princeton, NJ 08540**

(Zip Code)

**609-524-4500**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 22, 2009, NRG Energy, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary financial results for the year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Document

99.1 Press Release, dated January 22, 2009

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NRG Energy, Inc.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ J. Andrew Murphy  
J. Andrew Murphy  
Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel

Dated: January 22, 2009

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