
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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):

October 14, 2008

NRG Energy, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-15891

41-1724239

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

211 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey

08540

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

609-524-4500

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Kathleen McGinty was appointed to the Board of Directors of NRG Energy, Inc., or NRG, effective October 14, 2008. Ms. McGinty joined the board as an independent director and was also appointed to serve on the Governance and Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors. There is no arrangement or understanding between Ms. McGinty and any other person pursuant to which she was appointed as a director.

Non-employee directors other than the Chairman, receive total annual compensation of \$180,000 for their service as a member of the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise elected by the director, directors receive 50 percent of their total annual compensation in the form of cash and the remaining 50 percent in the form of vested deferred stock units, or DSU's. On October 14, 2008, Ms. McGinty received a grant of DSU's in an amount equal to \$90,000 divided by the closing price of NRG's common stock on October 14, 2008. Each DSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's common stock. The DSU's issued to Ms. McGinty will be exchanged for such common stock on a one-to-one basis upon termination of her service on NRG's Board of Directors. The foregoing description of NRG's non-employee directors' compensation is qualified by reference to the description included in the definitive proxy statement for NRG's 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 2, 2008.

On October 16, 2008, NRG issued a press release announcing Ms. McGinty's appointment, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Press Release, dated October 16, 2008

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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.

October 20, 2008

NRG Energy, Inc.

By: /s/ J. Andrew Murphy

Name: J. Andrew Murphy

Title: Executive Vice Pres & General Counsel

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated October 16, 2008

NRG Energy Appoints Kathleen McGinty to Board of Directors

PRINCETON, NJ; October 16, 2008—NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE:NRG) today appointed Kathleen McGinty, the former Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to the Company’s Board of Directors. McGinty will serve on the Governance and Nominating Committee.

“Kathleen brings experience that will further strengthen our Board of Directors as we seek to position NRG to respond to the economic and environmental dynamics of our industry,” said Howard Cosgrove, Chairman of the Board. “Her insights and guidance with respect to our RepoweringNRG and ecoNRG programs will be invaluable.”

As Secretary of the Pennsylvania DEP from 2003 until this past July, McGinty oversaw all environmental policy, regulatory and enforcement activities and also spearheaded key legislative initiatives in environment and energy. Before joining the DEP, she spent six years in the Clinton White House, where she was chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and earlier served as a senior environmental advisor to Vice President Al Gore. McGinty holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Saint Joseph’s University and a Juris Doctor from Columbia University in New York. She currently serves as Secretary of the Board of Trustees at Saint Joseph’s University in Pennsylvania and is the former Chair of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority. McGinty is also a founding partner of Peregrine Technology Partners, LLC, a firm focused on commercialization of resource efficient technologies.

NRG Energy, Inc. a Fortune 500 company, owns and operates one of the country’s largest and most diverse power generation portfolios. NRG’s 48 plants provide approximately 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to power nearly 20 million homes. In November 2007, NRG won two of the industry’s highest honors—Platts Industry Leadership and Energy Company of the Year awards. Headquartered in Princeton, NJ, NRG is a member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. More information is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions and typically can be identified by the use of words such as “will,” “expect,” “believe,” and similar terms. Although NRG believes that its expectations are reasonable, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove to have been correct, and actual results may vary materially.

NRG undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The foregoing review of factors that could cause NRG’s actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in the forward-looking statements included in this news release should be considered in connection with information regarding risks and uncertainties that may affect NRG’s future results included in NRG’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission at www.sec.gov.

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