FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| DETINE TAINOUA  |  |         |          |          |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [ NRG ] |        |  |  |      |  |       |               |           |   |  | ip of Reporting<br>plicable)<br>ctor        |   | rson(s) to 1   |   |
|---|--|---------|----------|----------|---|--|--------|--|--|------|--|-------|---------------|-----------|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| (Last)  | (Fi  | ,       | (Middle) |          |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2015          |        |  |  |      |  |       |               |           | X   | belov  | Officer (give title below)  EVP and Chief A |   | Other (specify below)                                  |   |
| 211 CARNEGIE CENTER   |  |         |          |          |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)             |        |  |  |      |  |       |               |           | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |  |   |   |  |   |
| (Street) PRINCE   | ΓON N.   | 0       | 8540     |          |   |  |        |  |  |      |  |       |               |           | X   |  | filed by One<br>filed by Mor<br>on          |   | -  |   |
| (City)  | (St  | ate) (Z | Zip)     |          |   |  |        |  |  |      |  |       |               |           |   |  |   |   |  |   |
|   |  | Tabl    | e I - N  | on-Deriv | ative S   | Secu   | ıritie | s Acc  | uired, [   | Disp | osed o   | f, or | Bene          | ficia     | lly (   | Owne   | ed  |   |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day |  |         |          |          |   | Execution Date,  |        |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)  4. Securities Acquired<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr.<br>and 5) |      |  |       |               |           | 3, 4 Secu   |  | cially<br>I                                 | Forn<br>(D) o   | rect (I)   | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |  |         |          |          |   |  | Code   | v  | Amount   |      | (A) or<br>(D)  | Price | Repo<br>Trans |           |   |  |   | (111341. 4)   |  |   |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share 11/02/20              |  |         |          |          | .015  |  | Α      |  | 743  |      | A  | (1)   |               | 61,393(2) |   |  | D   |   |  |   |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |         |          |          |   |  |        |  |  |      |  |       |               |           |   |  |   |   |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)           | rivative Conversion Date Execution Date, curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any  |         |          | Code (Ir | ransaction of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |  |        | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date |  |      | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4)  Amount or Numbor of Title Shares |       |               |           |   | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) |   | 0.<br>Ownership<br>orm:<br>Direct (D)<br>r Indirect<br>) (Instr.<br>) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents dividend equivalent rights accrued on the reporting person's restricted stock units or market stock units, which become exercisable proportionately with the restricted stock units or market stock units to which they relate and may only be settled in NRG common stock. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of NRG common stock.
- 2. Includes 1,959 dividend equivalent rights.

/s/ Brian Curci, by Power of **Attorney** 

11/04/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* 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).

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