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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Hantke William	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle) NRG ENERGY, INC., 211 CARNEGIE CENTER	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2012	(Check all applicable) X Director Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)				
(Street) PRINCETON NJ08540(City)(State)(Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 				

	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(· · · ·)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Beneficially Owned	Form: Direct (D)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Pric			Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	· /	(Instr. 4)		

	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)		4. 5. Transaction Code Derivativ (Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		rities ired osed			Underlying		4) 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Dividend Equivalent Rights	(1)	11/01/2012		A		31		(1)	(1)	Common Stock	31	\$0	65	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The dividend equivalent rights accrued on the reporting person's deferred stock units and become exercisable proportionately with the deferred stock units to which they relate. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of NRG common stock.

> /s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney ** Signature of Reporting Person

11/05/2012

Date

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).

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