## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Pe<br>Hantke William            | * 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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) 05/01/2014                 | (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner  Officer (give (specify below)  |  |  |  |  |
| (Street) PRINCETON NJ 08540 (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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)                                       | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |  | 4. Secur<br>Acquired<br>Dispose<br>(Instr. 3, | (A) d of (4 ar (A) or | or<br>(D) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and<br>4) | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock,<br>par value<br>\$.01 per<br>share | 05/01/2014   |   | A                                       |  | 43  | Α                     | (1)       | 37,404 (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) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transac<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) |   | 5.<br>Number of<br>Derivative |     | 6. Date<br>Exercisable and |                    | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying |  | Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |  |  |   | Code                                | V | (A)                           | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable        | Expiration<br>Date | Title                             | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |                                      |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents dividend equivalent rights accrued on the reporting person's deferred stock units, which become exercisable proportionately with the deferred 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 293 dividend equivalent rights.

/s/ Brian Curci by Power of Attorney

05/05/2014

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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