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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Gaudette Robert J</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Exec VP, NRG Business</u>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/02/2023</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>804 CARNEGIE CENTER</u>			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
(Street) <u>PRINCETON NJ 08540</u>								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/02/2023		A		21,053 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$0.0000	78,629	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/02/2023		F		596	D	\$0.0000	78,033 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/02/2023		F		610	D	\$0.0000	77,423 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/02/2023		F		643	D	\$0.0000	76,780 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: 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				
Relative Performance Stock Units	(5)	01/02/2023		J			9,372 ⁽⁵⁾	01/02/2023	01/02/2023	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	9,372	\$0.0000	0.0000 ⁽⁵⁾	D	
Relative Performance Stock Units	\$0.0000	01/02/2023		A		34,794 ⁽⁶⁾		01/02/2026	01/02/2026	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	34,794	\$0.0000	34,794	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") issued to the Reporting Person under the LTIP. Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share ("Common Stock"). The Reporting Person will receive from NRG one such share of Common Stock for each RSU that will vest ratably over a three-year period beginning on the first anniversary date of the grant.
- On January 2, 2020, the Reporting Person was issued 5,425 RSUs by NRG under the LTIP. On January 2, 2023, 1,812 shares vested. The Reporting Person elected to satisfy their tax obligation upon the exchange of Common Stock for RSUs having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the withholding obligation. This form reflects the surrender of 596 shares of Common Stock to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation. In connection with the vesting of the RSUs, 197 DERs vested, resulting in the Reporting Person holding 591 DERs in the aggregate.
- On January 2, 2021, the Reporting Person was issued 5,774 RSUs by NRG under the LTIP. On January 2, 2023, 1,923 shares vested. The Reporting Person elected to satisfy their tax obligation upon the exchange of Common Stock for RSUs having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the withholding obligation. This form reflects the surrender of 610 shares of Common Stock to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation. In connection with the vesting of the RSUs, 135 DERs vested, resulting in the Reporting Person holding 456 DERs in the aggregate.
- On January 2, 2022, the Reporting Person was issued 7,186 RSUs by NRG under the LTIP. On January 2, 2023, 2,392 shares vested. The Reporting Person elected to satisfy their tax obligation upon the exchange of Common Stock for RSUs having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the withholding obligation. This form reflects the surrender of 643 shares of Common Stock to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation. In connection with the vesting of the RSUs, 86 DERs vested, resulting in the Reporting Person holding 370 DERs in the aggregate.
- The Reporting Person did not vest in shares associated with RPSUs granted on January 2, 2020 because of performance conditions.
- On January 2, 2023, the Reporting Person was issued 34,794 RPSUs by NRG under the LTIP that vest on January 2, 2026, subject to certain performance conditions.

Christine Zoino, by Power of Attorney 01/04/2023

** 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).

** 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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