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(Mark One)

X Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities  
- --- Exchange Act of 1934

Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities  
- --- Exchange Act of 1934

For Quarter Ended March 31, 1999 Commission File Number 333-33397  
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NRG Energy, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

41-1724239

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(State or other jurisdiction of I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)  
incorporation or organization)

1221 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota

55403

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(Address of principal executive officers) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (612) 373-5300  
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None

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Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report

Indicated by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X No  
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Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

| Class                          | Outstanding at May 12, 1999 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -----                          | -----                       |
| Common Stock, \$1.00 par value | 1,000 Shares                |

All outstanding common stock of NRG Energy, Inc., is owned beneficially and of record by Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota corporation.

The Registrant meets the conditions set forth in general instruction H (1) (a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is therefore filing this form with the reduced disclosure format.

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PART I  
ITEM 1 - CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND NOTES

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME  
NRG ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
(UNAUDITED)

| (Thousands of Dollars)                          | THREE MONTHS ENDED |                   |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
|   | 1999               | MARCH 31,<br>1998 |
| -----   |                    |                   |
| OPERATING REVENUES                              |                    |                   |
| Revenues from wholly-owned operations           | \$ 37,847          | \$ 24,522         |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates | 8,667              | 16,081            |
| -----   |                    |                   |
| Total operating revenues                        | 46,514             | 40,603            |

|  |          |          |
|--|----------|----------|
| OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES                             |          |          |
| Cost of wholly-owned operations                          | 27,940   | 13,646   |
| Depreciation and amortization                            | 4,734    | 3,676    |
| General, administrative, and development                 | 15,985   | 13,170   |
| Total operating costs and expenses                       | 48,659   | 30,492   |
| OPERATING (LOSS) INCOME                                  | (2,145)  | 10,111   |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)                                   |          |          |
| Minority interest in earnings of consolidated subsidiary | (464)    | (1,032)  |
| Other income, net  | 734      | 57       |
| Interest expense   | (11,059) | (11,453) |
| Total other expense                                      | (10,789) | (12,428) |
| LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAXES                                 | (12,934) | (2,317)  |
| INCOME TAXES - BENEFIT                                   | 11,994   | 8,406    |
| NET (LOSS) INCOME  | \$ (940) | \$ 6,089 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 NRG ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 (UNAUDITED)

| (Thousands of Dollars)  | MARCH 31,<br>1999   | DECEMBER 31,<br>1998 |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS  |                     |                      |
| CURRENT ASSETS  |                     |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 12,468           | \$ 6,381             |
| Restricted cash   | 2,137               | 4,021                |
| Accounts receivable-trade, less allowance<br>for doubtful accounts of \$100 | 16,868              | 15,223               |
| Accounts receivable-affiliates  | 18,606              | 7,324                |
| Current portion of notes receivable - affiliates                            | 2,959               | 4,460                |
| Current portion of notes receivable   | -                   | 26,200               |
| Income taxes receivable   | 7,605               | 21,169               |
| Inventory   | 4,286               | 2,647                |
| Prepayments and other current assets  | 3,787               | 4,533                |
| Total current assets  | 68,716              | 91,958               |
| PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, AT ORIGINAL COST                             |                     |                      |
| In service  | 295,977             | 291,558              |
| Under construction  | 7,264               | 5,352                |
| Less accumulated depreciation   | 303,241<br>(95,768) | 296,910<br>(92,181)  |
| Net property, plant and equipment   | 207,473             | 204,729              |
| OTHER ASSETS  |                     |                      |
| Investments in projects   | 814,807             | 800,924              |
| Capitalized project costs   | 15,171              | 13,685               |
| Notes receivable, less current portion - affiliates                         | 111,150             | 101,887              |
| Notes receivable, less current portion                                      | 3,744               | 3,744                |
| Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$3,334 and \$2,984   | 22,203              | 22,507               |
| Debt issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,910 and \$1,675 | 7,879               | 7,276                |
| Other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$7,366 and \$7,350        | 47,536              | 46,716               |
| Total other assets  | 1,022,490           | 996,739              |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | \$ 1,298,679        | \$ 1,293,426         |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
 NRG ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 (UNAUDITED)

|  | MARCH 31,<br>1999 | DECEMBER 31,<br>1998 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| -----  |                   |                      |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY   |                   |                      |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES  |                   |                      |
| Current portion of long-term debt  | \$ 7,602          | \$ 8,258             |
| Revolving line of credit   | 30,000            | -                    |
| Accounts payable-trade   | 12,746            | 7,371                |
| Accrued property and sales taxes   | 5,049             | 3,251                |
| Accrued salaries, benefits and related costs   | 5,111             | 7,551                |
| Accrued interest   | 9,119             | 7,648                |
| Other current liabilities  | 5,489             | 8,289                |
| -----  |                   |                      |
| Total current liabilities  | 75,116            | 42,368               |
| -----  |                   |                      |
| MINORITY INTEREST  | 12,982            | 13,516               |
| CONSOLIDATED PROJECT-LEVEL, LONG TERM, NONRECOURSE DEBT                                      | 115,417           | 113,437              |
| CORPORATE LEVEL LONG-TERM DEBT, LESS CURRENT PORTION   | 375,000           | 504,781              |
| DEFERRED REVENUES  | 8,161             | 7,748                |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAXES  | 20,368            | 19,841               |
| DEFERRED INVESTMENT TAX CREDITS  | 1,279             | 1,343                |
| POSTRETIREMENT AND OTHER BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS   | 10,339            | 11,060               |
| -----  |                   |                      |
| Total liabilities  | 618,662           | 714,094              |
| -----  |                   |                      |
| STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY   |                   |                      |
| Common stock; \$1 par value; 1,000 shares authorized;<br>1,000 shares issued and outstanding | 1                 | 1                    |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 631,913           | 531,913              |
| Retained earnings  | 129,075           | 130,015              |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income   | (80,972)          | (82,597)             |
| -----  |                   |                      |
| Total Stockholder's Equity   | 680,017           | 579,332              |
| -----  |                   |                      |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY   | \$ 1,298,679      | \$ 1,293,426         |
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY  
 NRG ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
 (UNAUDITED)

| (Thousands of Dollars)                   | Common<br>Stock | Additional<br>Paid-in<br>Capital | Retained<br>Earnings | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive<br>Income | Total<br>Stockholder's<br>Equity |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| -----                                    |                 |                                  |                      |   |                                  |
| BALANCES AT JANUARY 1, 1998              | \$ 1            | \$431,913                        | \$ 88,283            | \$ (69,499)                                     | \$ 450,698                       |
| Net Income                               |                 |                                  | 6,089                |   | 6,089                            |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments |                 |                                  |                      | 3,451   | 3,451                            |
| -----                                    |                 |                                  |                      |   | 9,540                            |
| Comprehensive income                     |                 |                                  |                      |   | 9,540                            |

|  |      |           |            |             |            |
|--|------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|
| BALANCES AT MARCH 31, 1998               | \$ 1 | \$431,913 | \$ 94,372  | \$ (66,048) | \$ 460,238 |
| BALANCES AT JANUARY 1, 1999              | \$ 1 | \$531,913 | \$ 130,015 | \$ (82,597) | \$ 579,332 |
| Net Loss                                 |      |           | (940)      |             | (940)      |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments |      |           |            | 1,625       | 1,625      |
| Comprehensive income                     |      |           |            |             | 685        |
| Capital Contribution from parent         |      | 100,000   |            |             | 100,000    |
| BALANCES AT MARCH 31, 1999               | \$ 1 | \$631,913 | \$ 129,075 | \$ (80,972) | \$ 680,017 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
NRG ENERGY, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES  
(UNAUDITED)

| (Thousands of Dollars)   | THREE MONTHS ENDED |                |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
|  | 1999               | MARCH 31, 1998 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES   |                    |                |
| Net (loss) income  | \$ (940)           | \$ 6,089       |
| Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities      |                    |                |
| Undistributed equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates                                   | 2,427              | (12,541)       |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 4,734              | 3,676          |
| Deferred income taxes and investment tax credits   | 463                | (3,042)        |
| Minority interest  | (534)              | 218            |
| Cash provided (used) by changes in certain working capital items, net of acquisition effects |                    |                |
| Accounts receivable  | (1,645)            | 1,521          |
| Accounts receivable-affiliates   | (11,282)           | 13,598         |
| Accrued income taxes   | 13,564             | (6,355)        |
| Prepayments and other current assets   | (893)              | 1,954          |
| Accounts payable-trade   | 5,375              | (3,496)        |
| Accrued property and sales tax   | 1,798              | 901            |
| Accrued salaries, benefits and related costs   | (2,440)            | (456)          |
| Accrued interest   | 1,471              | 3,293          |
| Other current liabilities  | (2,800)            | (1,128)        |
| Cash provided by changes in other assets and liabilities                                     | (1,641)            | (335)          |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES  | 7,657              | 3,897          |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES   |                    |                |
| Investments in projects  | (16,267)           | (38,952)       |
| Changes in notes receivable (net)  | 18,438             | 24,733         |
| Purchase of plant, property and equipment  | (6,331)            | (3,534)        |
| Decrease (increase) in restricted cash   | 1,884              | (195)          |
| NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES  | (2,276)            | (17,948)       |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES   |                    |                |
| Capital contributions from parent  | 100,000            | -              |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt   | -                  | 10,670         |
| Principal payments on long-term debt   | (99,294)           | (2,209)        |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES  | 706                | 8,461          |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS   | 6,087              | (5,590)        |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD   | 6,381              | 11,986         |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD   | \$ 12,468          | \$ 6,396       |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Northern States Power Company (NSP), a Minnesota corporation. Additional information regarding the Company can be found in NSP's Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 1999.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with SEC regulations for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. The accounting policies followed by the Company are set forth in Note 1 to the Company's financial statements in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998 (Form 10-K). The following notes should be read in conjunction with such policies and other disclosures in the Form 10-K. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited interim financial statements contain all material adjustments necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position of the Company as of March 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998, the results of its operations for the three months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998, and its cash flows and stockholders' equity for the three months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998.

1. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS

In October 1998, the Company executed a binding agreement to purchase the Somerset power station for approximately \$55 million from the Eastern Utilities Association (EUA). The Somerset station, located in Somerset, Massachusetts, includes two coal-fired generating facilities and two aeroderivative combustion turbine peaking units supplying 229 MW in aggregate, of which 69 MW is on deactivated reserve. The project reached financial close in April 1999.

In December 1998, NRG and Dynegy signed agreements with San Diego Gas & Electric Company to jointly acquire 1,218 MW of power generation facilities located near Carlsbad and San Diego California for \$356 million. NRG and Dynegy will each own a 50% interest in these facilities. These transactions are expected to close in the second quarter of 1999, pending regulatory approval.

In December 1998, NRG signed agreements with Niagara Mohawk Power to purchase two coal fired power generation facilities located near Buffalo with a combined summer capacity rating of 1,360 MW for \$355 million. This transaction is expected to close in the second quarter of 1999 pending regulatory approval.

In January 1999, NRG reached agreement to purchase the Arthur Kill generating station and the Astoria gas turbine site for \$505 million from Consolidated Edison Company. These facilities, which are located in New York, have a combined summer capacity rating of 1,456 MW. The acquisition is expected to close in the second quarter of 1999, pending regulatory approvals.

In February 1999, NRG purchased from Thermal Ventures, Inc. (TVI) the remaining 50.1% limited partnership interests held by TVI in San Francisco Thermal Limited Partnership and Pittsburgh Thermal Limited Partnership for \$12.3 million. In April 1999, NRG acquired TVI's 50% member interest in North American Thermal Systems LLC (the entity holding the general partnership interest in the San Francisco and Pittsburgh partnerships) for \$500,000.

In April 1999, NRG reached agreement to purchase the 1,700 MW oil/gas-fired Oswego generating station for \$91 million from Niagara Mohawk Power and

Rochester Gas and Electric. This facility is located in New York. The acquisition is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 1999, pending regulatory approvals.

NRG, together with two other parties and the Chapter 11 trustees, filed a plan with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Louisiana to acquire 1,706 MW of fossil generating assets from Cajun electric Power Cooperative of Baton Rouge, La., (Cajun) for approximately \$1.0 billion. In addition to the NRG plan, the

bankruptcy court was considering one other plan submitted by Southwestern Electric Power Co. In February 1999, the bankruptcy court refused to confirm either of the proposed plans. NRG, its partner and the Trustee, have submitted a revised plan and a confirmation hearing has been scheduled for June of 1999.

2. CONTINGENT REVENUES

NRG and its partner Dynegy each own a 50% interest in the Long Beach and El Segundo generating stations ("California Projects"). During 1998, the first year of deregulation of the state of California power industry, the California Projects accrued certain receivables related to contingent revenues. These revenues have been deferred pending resolution of the contingency. Such amounts relate to items that are subject to contract interpretations, compliance with processes and filed market disputes. The California Projects are actively pursuing resolution and/or collection of these amounts, which totaled approximately \$60 million (NRG's share approximates \$30 million) as of March 31, 1999. Upon any final resolution and/or collection of these amounts, such deferred revenues will be recognized in NRG's equity income.

3. SUMMARIZED INCOME STATEMENT INFORMATION OF AFFILIATES

The Company has 20-50% investments in four companies that are considered significant subsidiaries, as defined by applicable SEC regulations, and accounts for those investments using the equity method. The following summarizes the income statements of these unconsolidated entities:

| (Thousands of Dollars)        | THREE MONTHS ENDED<br>MARCH 31, |           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
|                               | 1999                            | 1998      |
| Net sales                     | \$154,345                       | \$137,831 |
| Other income                  | 124                             | 8,946     |
| Costs and expenses:           |                                 |           |
| Cost of sales                 | 127,116                         | 117,824   |
| General and administrative    | 7,677                           | 4,738     |
|                               | -----                           | -----     |
|                               | 134,793                         | 122,562   |
|                               | -----                           | -----     |
| Income before income taxes    | 19,676                          | 24,215    |
| Income taxes                  | 5,705                           | 3,846     |
|                               | -----                           | -----     |
| Net income                    | \$ 13,971                       | \$ 20,369 |
|                               | =====                           | =====     |
| Company's share of net income | \$ 5,511                        | \$ 7,566  |
|                               | =====                           | =====     |

4. LONG TERM DEBT

In March 1999, NRG filed a shelf registration with the SEC for up to \$500 million in debt securities. The net proceeds will be used to finance our equity investment in connection with pending acquisitions and for general corporate purposes which may include financing the development and construction of new facilities, working capital, debt reduction, capital expenditures and potential acquisitions. NRG plans to issue approximately \$300 million in debt securities during the second quarter of 1999. In anticipation of this transaction, NRG executed \$100 million in 10-year treasury locks at 5.10% interest with an effective yield of 5.19%.

## 5. SEGMENT REPORTING

NRG conducts its business within three segments: Independent Power Generation, Alternative Energy (Resource Recovery and Landfill Gas) and Thermal projects. These segments are distinct components of NRG with separate operating results and management structures in place. The "Other" category includes operations that do not meet

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the threshold for separate disclosure and corporate charges that have not been allocated to the operating segments. Segment information for the quarter ended March 31, 1999 and 1998 is as follows:

| THREE MONTHS ENDED<br>MARCH 31, 1999<br>(Thousands of Dollars) | INDEPENDENT<br>POWER<br>GENERATION | ALTERNATIVE<br>ENERGY | THERMAL  | OTHER      | TOTAL     |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| OPERATING REVENUES   |                                    |                       |          |            |           |
| Revenues from wholly-owned operations                          | \$13,063                           | \$6,280               | \$15,145 | \$ 3,035   | \$ 37,523 |
| Intersegment revenues  | -                                  | 324                   | -        | -          | 324       |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates                | 7,830                              | 249                   | 1,162    | (574)      | 8,667     |
| Total operating revenues                                       | 20,893                             | 6,853                 | 16,307   | 2,461      | 46,514    |
| NET INCOME   | \$ 949                             | \$3,513               | \$ 2,162 | \$ (7,564) | \$ (940)  |

| THREE MONTHS ENDED<br>MARCH 31, 1998<br>(Thousands of Dollars) | INDEPENDENT<br>POWER<br>GENERATION | ALTERNATIVE<br>ENERGY | THERMAL  | OTHER       | TOTAL    |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| OPERATING REVENUES   |                                    |                       |          |             |          |
| Revenues from wholly-owned operations                          | \$ 400                             | \$6,809               | \$14,417 | \$ 2,544    | \$24,170 |
| Intersegment revenues  | -                                  | 353                   | -        | -           | 353      |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates                | 15,659                             | 387                   | 153      | (119)       | 16,080   |
| Total operating revenues                                       | 16,059                             | 7,549                 | 14,570   | 2,425       | 40,603   |
| NET INCOME   | \$12,462                           | \$3,724               | \$ 1,716 | \$ (11,813) | \$ 6,089 |

## 6. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 1998, the FASB issued SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." This statement requires that all derivatives be recognized at fair value in the Balance Sheet, and that changes in fair value be recognized either currently in earnings or deferred as a component of Other Comprehensive Income, depending on the intended use of derivative and the resulting designation (e.g., as a qualifying hedge). The Company will be required to adopt this statement in



2000, but can elect to adopt it in 1999. The Company has not yet determined the potential impacts of implementing this statement or the expected adoption date.

ITEM 2 - MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL  
CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is omitted per conditions as set forth in General Instructions H (1) (a) and (b) of Form 10-Q for wholly owned subsidiaries. It is replaced with management's narrative analysis of the results of operations set forth in General Instructions H (2) (a) of Form 10-Q for wholly owned subsidiaries (reduced disclosure format). This analysis will primarily compare NRG's revenue and expense items for the three months ended March 31, 1999 with the three months ended March 31, 1998.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 1999 COMPARED TO THE  
QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 1998

Net loss for the quarter ended March 31, 1999, was \$.9 million, a decrease of \$7 million compared to net income of \$6.1 million in the same period in 1998. This decrease was due to the factors described below.

OPERATING REVENUES

For the quarter ended March 31, 1999, revenues from wholly-owned operations were \$37.8 million, compared to \$24.5 million for the quarter ended March 31, 1998, an increase of \$13.3 million or 54%. The increase resulted from energy sales to Eastern Utilities Association (EUA) under an agreement that went into effect on January 1, 1999 in anticipation of NRG's acquisition of the Somerset facility, which was completed in April 1999. Under the terms of the agreement, NRG will provide various entities within EUA with a fixed percentage of their energy needs for a period of 6.2 to 11 years. For the quarter ended March 31, 1999, revenues from wholly owned operations consisted primarily of revenue from heating, cooling and thermal activities (38%), electrical generation (56%) and technical services (6%).

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated project affiliates was \$8.7 million for the quarter ended March 31, 1999, compared to \$16.1 million for the quarter ended March 31, 1998, an decrease of 46%. Approximately \$4.5 million of the decrease is due to transaction adjustment related to the Kladno Project. A portion of the Kladno project's debt is denominated in U.S. dollars and German deutsche marks, which strengthened against the Czech koruna in the first quarter of 1999. Under the provisions of SFAS No. 52, the Kladno project records foreign currency gains and losses through the income statement. If the value of the Czech koruna increases, Kladno will record a corresponding gain in future periods. In addition to the currency transaction loss, NRG experienced lower earnings from the MIBRAG project.

OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES

Cost of wholly owned operations was \$27.9 million for the first quarter ended March 31, 1999, an increase of \$14.2 million, or 104.7%, over the same

period in 1998. The increase is primarily due to energy purchases made to satisfy the EUA power sales agreement. In addition, there were approximately \$1.1 million of additional fixed costs at NEO and the Thermal projects.

Depreciation and amortization costs were \$4.7 million for the quarter ended March 31, 1999 compared to \$3.7 million for the quarter ended March 31, 1998. The depreciation and amortization increase was due primarily to new NEO projects.

General, administrative and development costs were \$16.0 million for the first quarter ended March 31, 1999, compared to \$13.2 million for the quarter ended March 31, 1998. The \$2.8 million increase is due primarily to increased business development, associated legal, technical, and accounting expenses, employees and equipment resulting from expanded operations and preparation for several pending acquisitions later in 1999.

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#### OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)

Other expense was \$10.8 million for the first quarter ended March 31, 1999, compared with \$12.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 1998. The decrease is due to a reduction in interest expense from lower outstanding balances on the Company's revolving line of credit and increased interest income from loans to affiliates.

#### INCOME TAX

We recognized an income tax benefit due to tax losses from domestic operations and due to the recognition of certain tax credits. The net income tax benefit for the first quarter ended March 31, 1999, increased by \$3.6 million to \$12.0 million as compared to \$8.4 million for the same quarter one year earlier primarily due to an increase in Section 29 tax credits from NEO operations and higher domestic losses.

#### YEAR 2000 (Y2K) READINESS

To the extent allowed, the information in the following section is designated as a "Year 2000 Readiness Disclosure." NRG is incurring costs to modify or replace existing technology, including computer software, for uninterrupted operation in the year 2000 and beyond. A committee made up of senior management is leading NRG's initiatives to identify Y2K related issues and remediate business processes as necessary. NRG is also partnering with its parent, NSP, to ensure a consistent overall company process in addressing the Y2K issue, as discussed in NRG's 1998 Form 10-K.

NRG's is on schedule for completion of its Y2K project based on the following timetable:

- Assessment/discovery - Completed November 1, 1998
- Analysis/testing - Completed May 1, 1999
- Y2K Ready - July 1, 1999

NRG is currently updating contingency plans for all material Y2K risk and is on track to meet the contingency planning schedule set forth by NSP. Among the areas contingency planning will address are delays in completion of NRG's remediation plans, failure or incomplete remediation results and failure of key third party contracts to be Y2K compliant.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In addition to any assumptions and other factors referred to specifically in connection with such forward-looking statements, factors that

could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in any forward-looking statements include, among others, the following:

- Economic conditions including inflation rates and monetary fluctuations;
- Trade, monetary, fiscal, taxation, and environmental policies of governments, agencies and similar organizations in geographic areas where the Company has a financial interest;
- Customer business conditions including demand for their products or services and supply of labor and materials used in creating their products and services;
- Financial or regulatory accounting principles or policies imposed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and similar entities with regulatory oversight;
- Availability or cost of capital such as changes in: interest rates; market perceptions of the power generation industry, the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or security ratings;
- Factors affecting power generation operations such as unusual weather conditions; catastrophic weather-related damage; unscheduled generation outages, maintenance or repairs; unanticipated changes to fossil fuel, or gas supply costs or availability due to higher demand, shortages, transportation problems or other developments; environmental incidents; or electric transmission or gas pipeline system constraints;

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- Employee workforce factors including loss or retirement of key executives, collective bargaining agreements with union employees, or work stoppages;
- Increased competition in the power generation industry;
- Cost and other effects of legal and administrative proceedings, settlements, investigations and claims;
- Technological developments that result in competitive disadvantages and create the potential for impairment of existing assets;
- Factors associated with various investments including conditions of final legal closing, foreign government actions, foreign economic and currency risks, political instability in foreign countries, partnership actions, competition, operating risks, dependence on certain suppliers and customers, domestic and foreign environmental and energy regulations;
- Limitations on the Company's ability to control the development or operation of projects in which the Company has less than 100% interest;
- Other business or investment considerations that may be disclosed from time to time in the Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings or in other publicly disseminated written documents, including the Company's Registration Statement No. 333-33397, as amended.

The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The foregoing review of factors pursuant to the Act should not be construed as exhaustive.

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PART II

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

- (a) EXHIBITS  
27 Financial Data Schedule for the period ended March 31, 1999.
- (b) REPORTS ON FORM 8-K:  
None

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 thereunto duly authorized.

NRG ENERGY, INC.  
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(Registrant)

/s/ Leonard A. Blum  
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Leonard A. Blum  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ David E. Ripka  
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David E. Ripka  
Controller  
(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: May 12, 1999



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THIS SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE MARCH 31, 1999 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE COMPANY'S FORM 10-Q AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FORM 10-Q

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