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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

1. Name ar	NRO	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]										all app	ship of Reporting I pplicable) ector		Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below) estern Region					
(Last) NRG EN						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2010											X	Officer (give title below) Sr VP & Pres, We		Wester
211 CARNEGIE CENTER						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) PRINCE			8540)											X	,				
(Oily)	(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/Y					on 2 F Year) if	n 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. 4. Securities A Disposed Of (Code (Instr. 8)				quired	(A) o	o) or 5. Al Secu		ount of ities icially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D	or F	rice		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(,	(
Common Stock, par value .01 per share 01/03/20					10			F		675(1)		D S	\$23.61(1)		7	7,846(2)		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)	ative Conversion Date Execution Date, ity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		ution Date,	Code (li	saction 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			Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr 3 and 4)		ount nber			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ow For Dir or (1) (4)	nership m: ect (D) ndirect Instr.	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	

Explanation of Responses:

1. On January 3, 2007, Mr. Hoffmann was issued 1,600 Restricted Stock Units ("RSU's") by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP"). Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$0.01. On January 3, 2010, the RSUs vested. Pursuant to the LTIP, Mr. Hoffmann elected to satisfy his tax withholding obligation upon the exchange of common stock for RSU's by surrendering a number of shares of common stock having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the tax withholding obligation. This form is being filed to reflect the surrender of 675 shares of common stock to satisfy the grantee's tax withholding obligation.

2. Includes 336 shares acquired under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan on December 31, 2009.

Remarks:

01/05/2009 /s/ M. Stephen Hoffmann

** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of David Crane, J. Andrew Murphy, Tanuja M. Dehne and Brian Curci signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney in fact to: (i) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director and/or owner of greater than 10% of the outstanding Common Stock of NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder; (ii) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5 and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority, including the New York Stock Exchange; and (iii) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney in fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney in fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney in fact may approve in such attorney in fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney in fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. Each of the undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys in fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by each of the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys in fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of date first written above. M. Stephen Hoffmann

/s/ M. Stephen Hoffmann