
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) **December 2, 2015**

NRG Energy, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-15891

(Commission File Number)

41-1724239

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

211 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

08540
(Zip Code)

609-524-4500

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Departure of Mr. Crane

On December 2, 2015, David Crane agreed to resign from his position as President and Chief Executive Officer of NRG Energy, Inc. (the “Company” or “NRG”). Mr. Crane will provide assistance to the Company in connection with the succession of Mauricio Gutierrez to the role of President and Chief Executive Officer until January 4, 2016.

The terms of Mr. Crane’s severance from the Company have not yet been finalized. The Company will file an amendment to this Form 8-K once such terms have been finalized.

Appointment of Mr. Gutierrez

On December 2, 2015, NRG named Mauricio Gutierrez as President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Gutierrez will also be appointed to serve on the Board.

Mr. Gutierrez, age 45, has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since July 2010. In this capacity, Mr. Gutierrez oversaw NRG’s Plant Operations, Commercial Operations, Environmental Compliance, as well as the Engineering, Procurement and Construction division. Mr. Gutierrez also has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and as a director of NRG Yield, Inc. since December 2012, and was appointed interim President and Chief Executive Officer of NRG Yield, Inc. in December 2015. He previously served as Executive Vice President, Commercial Operations, from January 2009 to July 2010 and Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations, from March 2008 to January 2009. In this capacity, he was responsible for the optimization of the Company’s asset portfolio and fuel requirements. Prior to this, Mr. Gutierrez served as Vice President Commercial Operations Trading from May 2006 to March 2008. Prior to joining NRG in August 2004, Mr. Gutierrez held various positions within Dynegy, Inc., including Managing Director, Trading.

The terms of Mr. Gutierrez’s compensation as President and Chief Executive Officer have not yet been finalized. The Company will file an amendment to this Form 8-K once such terms have been finalized.

A copy of the Company’s press release announcing the resignation of Mr. Crane and the appointment of Mr. Gutierrez is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated December 3, 2015

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 hereunto duly authorized.

NRG Energy, Inc.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ David R. Hill
David R. Hill
Executive Vice President
and General Counsel

Dated: December 8, 2015

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release dated December 3, 2015



**David Crane Steps Down as CEO of NRG;
Mauricio Gutierrez Becomes CEO**

PRINCETON, NJ — December 3, 2015 — NRG (NYSE:NRG) announced today that David Crane is stepping down as President and Chief Executive Officer of NRG, effective immediately. Mr. Crane has served in this position since 2003.

“During more than 12 years at the helm of NRG, Mr. Crane led the company from emergence from bankruptcy to its current position as leader in the wholesale and retail energy markets,” said Howard E. Cosgrove, Chairman of the NRG Board. “The Board thanks Mr. Crane for his leadership that helped transform NRG into the Company it is today.”

Replacing Mr. Crane will be Mauricio Gutierrez, who will be President and Chief Executive Officer and it is expected that Mr. Gutierrez will be appointed as a Director of NRG. Mr. Gutierrez has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since July 2010 and has been with the Company in various roles since August 2004.

Mr. Crane will assist in the CEO transition through the end of the year.

About NRG

NRG is leading a customer-driven change in the U.S. energy industry by delivering cleaner and smarter energy choices, while building on the strength of the nation’s largest and most diverse competitive power portfolio. A Fortune 200 company, we create value through reliable and efficient conventional generation while driving innovation in solar and renewable power, electric vehicle ecosystems, carbon capture technology and customer-centric energy solutions. Our retail electricity providers serve almost 3 million residential and commercial customers throughout the country. More information is available at www.nrg.com. Connect with NRG Energy on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @nrgenergy.

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