FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Cox Heather					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [ NRG ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
Cox Heather						,									X	Direc	ctor	10	% Owner
(Last) (First) (Middle) NRG ENERGY, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2019										Offic belov	er (give title w)		ner (specify ow)	
804 CARNEGIE CENTER					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,		n Date,	Transaction Disposed (Code (Instr. 5)			ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3,			4 and Se		ount of ties cially I Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	of Indirect	
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	9	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(111501.4)
Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share 02/01				01/2019				A		6 A		A	(1	1)	9,094(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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	te Execution Date, Transaction				Expiration	Date Exercisable and xpiration Date nonth/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			ice of vative urity r. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indirec (I) (Instr.	Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4)		
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## **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 25 Dividend Equivalent Rights.

/s/ Christine Zoino, by Power of Attorney

02/05/2019

\*\* 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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