

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Golin Caroline</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>804 CARNEGIE CENTER</u> (Street) <u>PRINCETON NJ</u> <u>08540</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/06/2026</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>NRG ENERGY, INC.</u> [<u>NRG</u>] Foreign Trading Symbol	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner ☒ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Chf Growth & Policy Offc</u>	
		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share</u>	<u>6,942⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Relative Performance Stock Units</u>	<u>06/15/2029</u>	<u>06/15/2029</u>	<u>Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share</u>	<u>1,433⁽²⁾</u>	<u>0.0000</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes 6,942 Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) issued by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan. Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$.01. Includes 21 Dividend Equivalent Rights (DERs). Each DER is the economic equivalent to one share of NRG Common Stock.
2. On June 15, 2026, the Reporting Person was issued 1,433 RPSUs by NRG under the LTIP that vest on June 15, 2029, subject to certain performance conditions.

Christine Zoino, by Power 08/13/2026
of Attorney.

** 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 5 (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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