

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 14D-9

**Solicitation/Recommendation Statement
Under Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 16)**

NRG Energy, Inc.
(Name of Subject Company)

NRG Energy, Inc.
(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

629377508
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This Amendment No. 16 to Schedule 14D-9 amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 (as amended from time to time, the “*Statement*”) originally filed by NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“*NRG*”), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “*SEC*”) on November 24, 2008, relating to the unsolicited offer by Exelon Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation (“*Exelon*”), through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Exelon Xchange Corporation, a Delaware corporation, to exchange each outstanding share of common stock of NRG, par value \$0.01 per share (“*NRG Common Stock*”), for 0.485 of a share of Exelon common stock, without par value, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in (1) the Preliminary Prospectus/Offer to Exchange, originally filed with the SEC on November 12, 2008 (the “*Exchange Offer*”) and (2) the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with the Exchange Offer and any amendments or supplements thereto from time to time, collectively constitutes the “*Offer*”). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Statement. Except as specifically noted herein, the information set forth in the Statement remains unchanged.

Item 1. Subject Company Information.

“Item 1. Subject Company Information — Securities” on page 2 of the Statement is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

On February 20, 2009, NRG Common Stock Finance I LLC (“*CSF I*”) and NRG Common Stock Finance II LLC (“*CSF II*” and together with *CSF I*, “*CSF I and II*”), wholly-owned subsidiaries of NRG, entered into Share Lending Agreements with affiliates of Credit Suisse relating to the shares of NRG Common Stock currently held by *CSF I* and *II* in connection with the previously executed Note Purchase Agreement and Preferred Interest Agreements, by and between *CSF I* and *II* and affiliates of Credit Suisse (the “*Financing Arrangements*”). Due to the current lack of liquidity in the stock borrow market for NRG shares and in order to maintain the intended economic benefits of the Financing Arrangements, *CSF I* and *II* have lent affiliates of Credit Suisse 8,500,000 shares of the 21,970,903 shares of NRG Common Stock currently held by *CSF I* and *II*. The Share Lending Agreements permit affiliates of Credit Suisse to borrow up to the total number of shares of NRG Common Stock held by affiliates *CSF I* and *II*. Shares borrowed by affiliates of Credit Suisse under the Share Lending Agreements will be used to replace shares borrowed by affiliates of Credit Suisse from third parties in connection with Credit Suisse’s hedging activities related to the Financing Arrangements. The shares are expected to be returned upon the termination of the Financing Arrangements. Until the shares are returned, the shares will be treated as outstanding for corporate law purposes, but will not be added to the Company’s fully diluted share count for financial reporting purposes.

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After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

NRG ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Michael R. Bramnick

Name: Michael R. Bramnick

Title: Senior Vice President and
General Counsel

Dated: February 20, 2009