FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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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 and Address of Reporting Person*  Caldwell Kirbyjon H					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [ NRG ]								(Ch	Relationshi eck all app X Direc	olicable)	g Person(s) to	Owner	
(Last)	`	· ·	Middle)			Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 1/01/2012								Offic belov	er (give title w)	Othe belov	r (specify v)	
NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
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(City)	(S	tate) (	Zip)															
		Tab	le I - Non-D	Deriva	ative S	Sec	uriti	es A	cquired,	Dis	posed	of, or E	Benef	icia	lly Own	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transacti Date (Month/Day					Execution Date,			Code	Transaction Disp		curities Acquired ( osed Of (D) (Instr. 3 5)			Secur	icially d	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code	v	Amou	ınt (A	) or l	Price	Repor Trans		(instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
	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)	3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	ite, T	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n Number		6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Da	Dat	е	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				c	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		xpiration ate	Title	Amor or Numl of Share	ber				
Dividend Equivalent Rights	(1)	11/01/2012			A		29		(1)		(1)	Common Stock	29		\$0	61	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

1. The dividend equivalent rights accrued on the reporting person's deferred stock units and become exercisable proportionately with the deferred stock units to which they relate. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of NRG common stock.

/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney 11/05/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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