FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG] | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | | | |
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| Gutierrez Mauricio | | | 1-11 | THO ENDIOT, INC. [INC.] | | | | | | | | | X Direc | | ctor 1 | | 10% C | wner | | | |
| (Last) | .ast) (First) (Middle) | | | 3. D | Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | | ficer (give title low) | | Other below) | (specify | | |
| NRG EN | ERGY, INC | 3. | | | 11/0 | 11/01/2018 | | | | | | | | | | Pres | President & Chief Ex | | | cer | |
| 804 CARNEGIE CENTER | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4. If | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | Succession, Bate of Original Field (Montal Bay) Teal) | | | | | | | | | | Line) | | | | | | |
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| (City) | (St | ate) (2 | Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | Day/Year) if | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Code (| Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5) | | ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, | | | 4 and Secu Bene Own | | urities F eficially (I ned Following (I | | nership : Direct · Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (| A) or D) | Price | | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (msu. 4) | | |
| Common Stock, par value, \$.01 per share | | | 11/01 | 11/01/2018 | | | | A | | 679 | | A (1 | | 508,934(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) | Derivative Conversion Date Execution Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any | | Date, | Code (Instr. 8) | | | | Expiratio | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Date Expiration | | | 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) | Oi Fo Di (I) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | ٧ | (A) | (D) | Exercisal | | Date | Title | Sha | res | | | | | | | |

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 14,695 dividend equivalent rights

/s/ Brian Curci, by Power of **Attorney**

11/05/2018

** 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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