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**SCHEDULE 14A**

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**NRG Energy, Inc.**

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IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION



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**Stockholder Meeting Notice**

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
NRG Energy, Inc. Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on April 28, 2016**

Under the Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the annual stockholders' meeting are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the proxy materials and to vote online or to request a copy of proxy materials. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and annual report to stockholders are available at:**

[www.envisionreports.com/NRG](http://www.envisionreports.com/NRG)



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When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.

- Step 1:** Go to [www.envisionreports.com/NRG](http://www.envisionreports.com/NRG) to view the materials.  
**Step 2:** Click on "Cast Your Vote" or "Request Materials".  
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**Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials – If you want to receive a copy of the proxy materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy of the proxy materials as instructed on the reverse side of this notice on or before April 12, 2016 to facilitate timely delivery.**



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## Stockholder Meeting Notice

NRG Energy, Inc.'s Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on April 28, 2016 at The Ritz-Carlton, Philadelphia, 10 Avenue of the Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19102 at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Time).

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations. The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** all the nominees listed and **FOR** Proposals 2, 3 and 4:

1. Election of directors:
  - 01 - E. Spencer Abraham
  - 02 - Kirbyjon H. Caldwell
  - 03 - Lawrence S. Coben
  - 04 - Howard E. Cosgrove
  - 05 - Terry G. Dallas
  - 06 - Mauricio Gutierrez
  - 07 - William E. Hantke
  - 08 - Paul W. Hobby
  - 09 - Edward R. Muller
  - 10 - Anne C. Schaumburg
  - 11 - Evan J. Silverstein
  - 12 - Thomas H. Weidemeyer
  - 13 - Walter R. Young
2. To re-approve the performance goals under the NRG Energy, Inc. Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan solely for purposes of section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
3. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.
4. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2016.

The Board of Directors makes no recommendation regarding Proposal 5:

5. To vote on a stockholder proposal regarding proxy access, if properly presented at the meeting.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** Proposal 6:

6. To vote on a stockholder proposal regarding disclosure of political expenditures, if properly presented at the meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE – YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you.**

### Directions to the NRG Energy, Inc. 2016 Annual Meeting

Directions to the NRG Energy, Inc. 2016 annual meeting are available in the proxy statement, which can be viewed at [www.envisionreports.com/NRG](http://www.envisionreports.com/NRG).



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