

Gutierrez Mauricio
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Gutierrez Mauricio

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 NRG ENERGY, INC., 211
 CARNEGIE CENTER
 (Street)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/20/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Exec VP & Chief Operating Ofc

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/20/2011		M	1,000	A \$ 19.4	48,991	D
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	05/20/2011		S	851	D \$ 25.09	48,140	D
					(1)		

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

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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 Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 19.4	05/20/2011		M	1,000	08/01/2006 ⁽²⁾ 08/01/2011	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gutierrez Mauricio NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540			Exec VP & Chief Operating Ofc	

Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney
Date: 05/23/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$25.09 to \$25.20. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (2) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Gutierrez, the Non-Qualified Stock Options vested and became exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on August 1, 2006, 33 1/3% on August 1, 2007 and 33 1/3% on August 1, 2008.

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