

NRG ENERGY, INC.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Bramnick Michael R.		(Month/Day/Year)	NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	02/18/2009	
NRG ENERGY, INC.,Â 211		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
CARNEGIE CENTER				
(Street)		(Check all applicable)		
PRINCETON,Â NJÂ 08540		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Sr. VP & General Counsel		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	4,300 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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		Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Options	01/03/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/03/2013	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	3,466	\$ 27.915	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	01/02/2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/02/2014	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	6,200	\$ 42.82	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Options	01/02/2009 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/02/2015	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	8,900	\$ 23.64	D	Â
Performance Units	01/03/2007	01/03/2017	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	2,400	\$ <sup>(5)</sup>	D	Â
Performance Units	01/02/2008	01/02/2018	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	2,400	\$ <sup>(6)</sup>	D	Â
Performance Units	01/02/2009	01/02/2019	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	4,200	\$ <sup>(7)</sup>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bramnick Michael R. NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	Â	Â	Â Sr. VP & General Counsel	Â

## Signatures

/s/Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney

03/02/2009

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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Includes the following securities issued to Mr. Bramnick by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG's Long Term Incentive Plan. Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$.01. Mr. Bramnick will receive from NRG one such share of Common Stock, as follows: (i) 600 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") issued on January 3, 2010; (ii) 600 RSUs issued on January 2, 2011; (iii) 1,100 RSUs issued on January 2, 2012.

- (2) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Bramnick, half of the Stock Options vested and became exercisable on January 3, 2009. The remaining balance will vest on January 3, 2010.
- (3) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Bramnick, 33 1/3% of the Stock Options vested and became exercisable on January 2, 2009. The remaining balance will vest as follows: 33 1/3% on January 2, 2010 and January 2, 2011.
- (4) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Bramnick, the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on January 2, 2010; 33 1/3% on January 2, 2011 and 33 1/3% on January 2, 2012.

Mr. Bramnick was issued 1,200 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on January 3, 2007. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 3, 2010 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to January 3, 2010 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$38.095 (the "Target Price").

- (5) The payout for each Performance Unit will be equal to: (i) one share of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price equals the Target Price; (ii) a prorated amount in between one and two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is greater than the Target Price but less than \$44.74 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

Mr. Bramnick was issued 1,200 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on January 2, 2008. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 2, 2011 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to January 2, 2011 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$60.16 (the "Target Price").

- (6) The payout for each Performance Unit will be equal to: (i) one share of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price equals the Target Price; (ii) a prorated amount in between one and two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is greater than the Target Price but less than \$70.35 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

Mr. Bramnick was issued 2,100 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on January 2, 2009. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 2, 2012 if the closing price of NRG's Common Stock January 2, 2012 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$30.61 (the "Threshold Price").

- (7) The payout for each PU will be equal to a pro-rated amount in between one-half and one share of common stock if the Measurement Price equals or exceeds the Threshold Price but less than \$33.21 (the "Target Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to a pro-rated amount in between one and two shares of common stock if the Measurement Price is equal to the Target Price but less than \$38.84 (the "Maximum Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to two shares of common stock if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

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