

Bramnick Michael R.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
Bramnick Michael R.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
211 CARNEGIE CENTER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/03/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Exec VP & General Counsel

(Street)  
PRINCETON, NJ 08540

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/03/2012		A		16,500 (1)	A	(2) 38,687
						D	

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
						Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Market Stock Units	(3)	01/03/2012		A	27,600	01/03/2015	01/03/2015	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	55,200 <sup>(4)</sup>	

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Michael R. Bramnick  
01/05/2012  
\*\*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) Represents Restricted Stock Units issued to the Reporting Person under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP").
- (2) Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$.01. The Reporting Person will receive from NRG one such share of Common Stock for each RSU on January 3, 2015.  
  
The Reporting Person was issued 27,600 Market Stock Units ("MSUs") by NRG under the LTIP on January 3, 2012. The MSUs will convert to shares of NRG Common Stock on January 3, 2015 only in the event the Company has achieved a certain level of total shareholder return. Total shareholder return will consist of the average of the closing price of NRG's Common Stock on January 3, 2015 and the nineteen preceding trading days and any dividends paid since the grant date as determined by the Compensation Committee.
- (3) The Reporting Person will receive a maximum of 55,200 shares of Common Stock if the Company has achieved a 100% increase in total shareholder return since the grant date (the "Maximum"); 27,600 shares of Common Stock if there is no change in total shareholder return since the grant date (the "Target"); or 13,800 shares of Common Stock if there is a 50% decrease in total shareholder return since the grant date (the "Threshold"). The Reporting Person will not receive any shares of Common Stock if total shareholder return has decreased by more than 50% since the grant date. The number of shares of Common Stock that the Reporting Person may receive is interpolated for total shareholder return falling between Threshold, Target, and Maximum levels.
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