

ROONEY THOMAS S JR

Form 4

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1(b).**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ROONEY THOMAS S JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ENERGY RECOVERY,  
INC., 1717 DOOLITTLE DRIVE

(Street)

SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Energy Recovery, Inc. [ERII]

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

02/16/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

President, CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.46	02/16/2012		A			265,487		<u>(1)</u>	02/15/2022	Common Stock	265,48

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROONEY THOMAS S JR C/O ENERGY RECOVERY, INC. 1717 DOOLITTLE DRIVE SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577	X		President, CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Denise Winn, attorney-in-fact for Thomas S. Rooney Jr. 02/21/2012

\_\_\_\_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).

1/36th of the shares vests monthly beginning one month following the first anniversary of the transaction (grant) date above. The option (1) also includes 88,495 shares not listed above that will vest on the first anniversary of the grant date only if the company meets or exceeds an internally budgeted adjusted operating income target; that performance vesting will be reported on Form 4 if it occurs.

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