Stark Ronald B Form 4 January 08, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Stark Ronald B

(First) (Middle) (Last)

NRG ENERGY, INC., 211 **CARNEGIE CENTER**

(Street)

(State)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

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

01/04/2013

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

VP, Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(City)

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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3.	4. Securities		5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
	(Monun Day/ 1 car)	<i>'</i>	TransactionAcquired (A) or						
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)			Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
							Reported		
					(A)		Transaction(s)		
					or		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Insure une i)		
Common									
Stock, par									
_	01/04/2013		F	470	D	<u>(1)</u>	8,628	D	
value \$.01							•		
per share									

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	f 2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	e Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	/Year)	Under	rlying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivativ	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities	S		(Instr.	. 3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									A		
									Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Numb			
				C-1- V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

Stark Ronald B NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540

VP, Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney

01/08/2013

**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).

On January 4, 2010, Mr. Stark was issued 1,300 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"). Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$0.01. On January 4,

(1) 2013, the RSUs vested. Pursuant to the LTIP, Mr. Stark elected to satisfy his tax withholding obligation upon the exchange of common stock for RSUs having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the withholding obligation. This form is being filed to reflect the surrender of 470 shares of common stock to satisfy the grantee's tax withholding obligation.

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