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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Callen David Issuer Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify NRG ENERGY, INC., 804 01/02/2019 below) **CARNEGIE CENTER** SVP, Chief Accounting Offficer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting PRINCETON, NJ 08540 Person

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any Code Disposed of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 2)		l (A) o l of (D))	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/02/2019		A	4,286 (1)	A	\$ 0 (2)	38,726	D	
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/02/2019		F	681	D	(3)	38,045 (4)	D	

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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. Transactio 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)	
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shar
	Relative Performance Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	01/02/2019		A	7,244	01/02/2022	01/02/2022	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	14,48 (6) (7

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Callen David

NRG ENERGY, INC. 804 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540

SVP, Chief Accounting Offficer

Signatures

/s/ Christine Zoino, by Power of Attorney

01/04/2019

**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 Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP").
- Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share. The Reporting Person will receive from (2) NRG one such share of Common Stock for each RSU that will vest ratably over a three year period beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
- (3) On January 2, 2018, Mr. Callen was issued 5,540 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Amended and Restated Long Term Incentive Plan. Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value

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\$.01. On January 2, 2019, 1,844 shares vested. Mr. Callen elected to satisfy his tax 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 reflects the surrender of 681 shares of common stock to satisfy the grantee's tax withholding obligation.

In connection with the vesting of the RSUs described above, 7 DERs vested, resulting in the reporting person holding 1,345 dividend equivalent rights in the aggregate. Dividend equivalent rights accrue on the reporting person's restricted stock units, market stock units or relative performance stock units, which become exercisable proportionately with the restricted stock units, market stock units or relative performance stock units to which they relate and may only be settled in NRG common stock. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of NRG common stock.

The Reporting Person was issued 7,244 Relative Performance Stock Units ("RPSUs") by NRG Energy, Inc. under the LTIP on January 2, 2019. The RPSUs will convert to shares of NRG Common Stock on January 2, 2022 only in the event the Company has achieved a certain level of total shareholder return ("TSR") relative to the Peer Group (defined below) over a three-year performance period. The number of shares of Common Stock that the Reporting Person may receive is interpolated for TSR falling between Threshold, Target, and Maximum levels as described below.

Reporting Person will receive (i) a maximum of 14,488 shares of Common Stock if Company's TSR is ranked at or above the 75th percentile relative to a peer group of companies approved by the Company's Compensation Committee (the "Peer Group") for the performance period (the "Maximum"); (ii) 7,244 shares of Common Stock if Company's TSR is ranked at the 55th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period (the "Target"); provided, however, if TSR is less than negative fifteen percent (-15%), the Company's TSR must be ranked at the 65th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period to receive the Target award; or (iii) 1,811 shares of Common Stock if Company's TSR is ranked at the 25th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance

period (the "Threshold"). The Reporting Person will not receive any shares of Common Stock if Company's TSR is below the 25th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period.

(7) The Maximum award that the Reporting Person will receive shall not exceed six (6) times the fair market value of the Target award, determined as of the date of grant.

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