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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG] Winn Steve (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) NRG ENERGY, INC., Â 211 (Check all applicable) **CARNEGIE CENTER** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director \_X\_\_ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting **Executive Vice President** Person PRINCETON, ÂNJÂ 08540 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share  $\frac{(1)}{}$ 5,230 (1) (2) (3) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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

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				Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	11/19/2005 <u>(4)</u>	11/19/2010 <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	8,000	\$ 31.48	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option	08/01/2006 <u>(6)</u>	08/01/2011 <u>(5)</u>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	7,000	\$ 38.8	D	Â
Performance Units (7)	08/01/2008(7)	08/01/2008(7)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	4,000	\$ <u>(7)</u>	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
<b>F8</b> • ••	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Winn Steve NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	Â	Â	Executive Vice President	Â		
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## **Signatures**

/s/ Tanuja M. Dehne, under Power of Attorney 01/04/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).
- Represents the following securities issued to Mr. Winn by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan: (i) 4,000 Restricted Stock Units issued on November 19, 2004; (ii) 230 Deferred Stock Units issued on March 14, 2005; and (iii) 1,000 Restricted Stock Units issed on August 1, 2005.

Date

- Each Restricted Stock Unit is equivalent in value to one share of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock, par value \$0.01. Mr. Winn will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on the following schedule: (i) 4,000 shares on November 19, 2007 and (ii) 1,000 shares on August 1, 2008.
- (3) Each Deferred Stock Unit is equivalent in value to one share of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock, par value \$0.01. Mr .Winn will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Deferred Stock Unit (230) on December 5, 2007.
- Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Winn, the Stock Options vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on November 19, 2005; 33 1/3% on November 19, 2006; and 33 1/3% on November 19, 2007.
- (5) Stock Options expire six years from the date of grant.

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- Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Winn, the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on August 1, 2006; 33 1/3% on August 1, 2007; and 33 1/3% on August 1, 2008.
  - Mr.Winn was issued 2,000 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on August 1, 2005. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on August 1, 2008 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to August 1, 2008 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$54.50 (the "Target Price"). The payout
- (7) 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 \$63.75 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price

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