Wilson Denise Form 4 January 06, 2010

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Wilson Denise

(Middle)

(Zip)

NRG ENERGY, INC., 211 CARNEGIE CENTER

(First)

(Street)

(State)

01/04/2010

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2010

3.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP & Chief Admin Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

(D)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

25,600

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Common

Stock, par value .01 per share

Α

Code V Amount

9,100

Price

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualifie Stock Option	* 73 × 1	01/04/2010		A	20,300	01/04/2011(3)	01/04/2020(4)	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
Performance Units	<u>(5)</u>	01/04/2010		A	9,400	01/04/2013(5)	01/04/2013	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Wilson Denise NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540

EVP & Chief Admin Officer

Signatures

/s/ Denise Wilson 01/06/2010

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 Ms. Wilson by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit is equivalent in value to one share of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock, par value \$0.01. Ms. Wilson will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on January 4, 2013.
- Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Ms. Wilson, the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on January 4, 2011; 33 1/3% on January 4, 2012; and, 33 1/3% on January 4, 2013.

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- (4) Stock Options expire ten years from the date of grant.
 - Ms. Wilson was issued 9,400 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on January 4, 2010. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 4, 2013 if the average of the closing price of NRG's Common Stock on January 4, 2013 and the nineteen preceding tracking days (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$31.97 (the "Threshold Price").
- The payout for each PU will be equal to a pro-rated amount in between one-half and one share of common stock if the Measurement Price equals or exceeds the Threshold Price but less than \$34.69 (the "Target Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to a pro-rated amount in between one and two shares of common stock if the Measurement Price is equal to the Target Price but less than \$40.57 (the "Maximum Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to two shares of common stock if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

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