Winn Steve Form 4 January 04, 2006

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Winn Steve

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

NRG ENERGY, INC., 211 CARNEGIE CENTER

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2006

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Executive Vice President

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X 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

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

(State)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

D

(A)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common

(City)

stock, par 01/03/2006 value \$0.01 per share (1)

10,163 Α

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Date (Month/Day/Year	-	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 47.95	01/03/2006		A	42,200	01/03/2007(3)	01/03/2012(4)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
Performance Units	<u>(5)</u>	01/03/2006		A	19,600	01/03/2009(5)	01/03/2009	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Winn Steve

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

Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Tanuja M. Dehne, under Power of Attorney

01/04/2006

**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 Mr. Winn 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. Mr. Winn will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on January 3, 2009.
- (3) 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 January 3, 2007; 33 1/3% on January 3, 2008; and 33 1/3% on January 3, 2009.

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- (4) Stock Options expire six years from the date of grant.
 - Mr. Winn was issued 9,800 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Incentive Plan on January 3, 2006. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 3, 2009 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten
- trading days prior to January 3, 2009 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$67.37 (the "Target Price"). The payout 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 \$79.49 (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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