

Andrews Kirkland B
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Andrews Kirkland B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
211 CARNEGIE CENTER

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/06/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & CFO

(Street)
PRINCETON, NJ 08540

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	09/06/2012		M		19,240	A	(1) 101,240
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	09/06/2012		F		8,360	D	(2) 92,880
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	09/06/2012		F		8,312	D	(3) 84,568

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- Mr. Kirkland elected to satisfy his tax withholding obligation upon the exchange of common stock for MSUs having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the withholding obligation. This form is being filed to reflect the surrender of 8,360 shares of common stock to satisfy the grantee's tax withholding obligation. 760 shares were cancelled due to performance.
- (2)

- On September 6, 2011, Mr. Kirkland was issued 60,000 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 September 6, 2012, 20,000 shares vested. Mr. Kirkland 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 8,312 shares of common stock to satisfy the grantee's tax withholding obligation.
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