Ingoldsby James J
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Ingoldsby James J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

NRG ENERGY, INC., 211 CARNEGIE CENTER

(Street)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2011

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 below) _____ Other (specify below)
SVP & Chief Accounting 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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	08/15/2011		A		25,000 (1)	A	(2)	56,744	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. Transaction 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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ingoldsby James J NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540			SVP & Chief Accounting Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney	08/17/2011
**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. Ingoldsby by NRG Energy, Inc. under the NRG Energy, Inc. 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 per share. Mr. Ingoldsby will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on August 15, 2016. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) in the event that the Company's Total Shareholder Return (as defined below) has increased by at least 25% between the Date of Grant and August 15, 2014, then the RSUs will vest in full on August 15, 2014, and (b) in the event that the Minimum TSR Condition was not satisfied as of August 15, 2014, but is satisfied as of August 15, 2015, then the RSUs will vest in full on such date. "Total Shareholder Return" shall include the average closing price of a share of Common on the determination date and 19 preceding trading days (20-day average) and (ii) any dividends paid between the Date of Grant and the vesting date.

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