

Garlick James P
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Garlick James P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GenOn Energy, Inc. [GEN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1000 MAIN STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2012

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

SVP, Plant Operations

HOUSTON, TX 77002
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/14/2012		F		11,508 (1)	D	\$ 2.87
Common Stock	12/14/2012		D		335,583	D	(2) 0

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 3.95	12/14/2012		D	45,908	<u>(3)</u>	07/31/2021	Common Stock	45,908
Stock Options	\$ 2.44	12/14/2012		D	143,303	<u>(4)</u>	02/26/2022	Common Stock	143,303

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Garlick James P 1000 MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77002			SVP, Plant Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Allison B. Cunningham,
Attorney-in-Fact
12/18/2012

__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) The reporting person disposed of these shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations related to the vesting of restricted stock units.

The reporting person disposed of these shares in connection with the merger (the "Merger") involving GenOn Energy, Inc. and NRG Energy, Inc. ("NRG") in exchange for shares of NRG common stock, based on the exchange ratio of 0.1216 and having a market value of \$23.00 per share on the effective date of the Merger, plus cash consideration for fractional shares.

(3) Upon completion of the Merger involving GenOn Energy, Inc. and NRG Energy, Inc., this fully-vested option was converted into an option to purchase 5,582 shares of NRG Energy, Inc. common stock at \$32.49 per share.

(4) Upon completion of the Merger involving GenOn Energy, Inc. and NRG Energy, Inc., this option, which vests in three equal annual installments beginning February 27, 2013, was converted into an option to purchase 17,425 shares of NRG Energy, Inc. common stock at \$20.07 per share.

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