

NRG ENERGY, INC.  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Hoffmann M Stephen		(Month/Day/Year)	NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/01/2006	
NRG ENERGY, INC., 211 CARNEGIE CENTER			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
PRINCETON, NJ 08540			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			Sr VP & Pres, Western Region	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share <sup>(1)</sup>	1,900 <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		

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			Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Options	01/03/2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/03/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock, par value 3,100 \$0.01 per share	\$ 47.95	D	Â
Performance Units <sup>(5)</sup>	01/03/2009 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/03/2009 <sup>(5)</sup>	Common Stock, par value 1,400 \$0.01 per share	\$ <sup>(5)</sup>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hoffmann M Stephen NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	Â	Â	Â Sr VP & Pres, Western Region	Â

## Signatures

M. Stephen Hoffmann 05/09/2006

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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).

Represents the following securities issued to Mr. Hoffmann by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG's Long Term Incentive Plan: (i) 500 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") issued on March 2, 2004; (ii) 1,000 RSUs issued on August 1, 2005; and (iii) 400 RSUs issued on January 3, 2006.

(2) Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$0.01. Mr. Hoffmann will receive from NRG one such share of Common Stock for each RSU as follows: (i) 500 shares on March 2, 2007; (ii) 1,000 shares on August 1, 2008; and (iii) 400 shares on January 3, 2009.

(3) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Hoffmann, the Stock Option 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.

(4) Stock Options expire six years from the date of grant.

Mr. Hoffmann was issued 700 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc's Long Term 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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