

Ingoldsby James J  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
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)  
04/18/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP & Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                                       |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                             |
| Common Stock, par value .01 per share | 04/18/2008                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 7,000                                                                                         | A                                                        | \$ 19.4                           |
| Common Stock, par value .01 per share | 04/18/2008                           |                                                    | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 7,000                                                                                         | D                                                        | \$ 44                             |

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option                 | \$ 19.4                                                | 04/18/2008                           |                                                    | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 7,000                                                                                   | 08/01/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/01/2011                     | Common Stock                                                |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ James J. Ingoldsby 04/22/2008

\_\_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 exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 6, 2008.
- (2) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Ingoldsby, 33 1/3% of the Stock Options vested on August 1, 2006 and 33 1/3% of the Stock Options vested on August 1, 2007. The remaining balance will vest on August 1, 2008.

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