NRG ENERGY, INC.

Form 4

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per share

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Stark Ronald 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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Chook an approacto)			
NRG ENERGY, INC., 211 CARNEGIE CENTER	(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2014	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Chief Accounting Officer			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
PRINCETON, NJ 08540	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly 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 sactionAcquired (A) or e Disposed of (D) tr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	01/03/2014		M	2,295	A	(1)	16,082	D	
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	01/03/2014		F	820	D	<u>(2)</u>	15,262	D	
Common Stock, par value .01	01/03/2014		F	642	D	<u>(3)</u>	14,620	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Performance Units	(1)	01/03/2014		M	1,500	01/03/2014	01/03/2014	Common Stock, par value .01 per share	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stark Ronald B NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540

VP, Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney 01/07/2014

**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 was issued 1,500 Performance Units ("PU") by NRG Energy, Inc. ("NRG") under NRG's Long Term Incentive Plan on January 3, 2011. Each PU was subject to pay out if the average of the closing price of NRG's Common Stock on January 3, 2014 and the nineteen preceding tracking days (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$24.57 (the "Threshold Price"). The payout for each PU was equal to a prorated amount (i) in between one-half and one share of common stock if the Measurement Price equaled or exceeded the Threshold Price but less than \$26.66 (the "Target Price"); (ii) equal to a pro-rated amount in between one and two shares of

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common stock if the Measurement Price is equal to the Target Price but less than \$31.17 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii)equal to two shares of common stock if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price. On January 3, 2014 the Measurement Price was greater than the Target Price.

- Pursuant to NRG's Long Term Incentive Plan, the Reporting Person elected to satisfy the tax withholding obligation upon the exchange of common stock for PUs by surrendering a number of shares of common stock having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the tax withholding obligation. This reflects the surrender of 820 shares of common stock to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax obligation.
 - On January 3, 2011, the Reporting Person was issued 1,600 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") by NRG under NRG's Long Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP"). Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$0.01. On January 3, 2014, all of the originally granted RSUs vested. Pursuant to the LTIP, the Reporting Person elected to satisfy the tax withholding obligation upon the
- exchange of common stock for RSUs by surrendering a number of shares of common stock having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the tax withholding obligation. This reflects the surrender of 642 shares of common stock to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation.

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