

SCHADE CHRISTIAN S  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 SCHADE CHRISTIAN S

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 NRG ENERGY, INC., 211  
 CARNEGIE CENTER  
 (Street)

PRINCETON, NJ 08533

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/29/2010

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)  
 EVP & Chief Financial 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	03/29/2010		A		22,800 (1)	A	(2) 22,800
						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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 20.6	03/29/2010		A	18,200	03/29/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/29/2020 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
Performance Units	<u>(5)</u>	03/29/2010		A	8,700	03/29/2013 <sup>(5)</sup> 03/29/2013	Common stock, par value \$.01 per share

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHADE CHRISTIAN S NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08533			EVP & Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Christian S. Schade 03/31/2010

\*\*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. Schade by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$.01. Mr. Schade will receive from NRG one such share of Common Stock, as follows: (i) 14,600 shares on March 29, 2011; and (ii) 8,200 shares on March 29, 2013.
- (3) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Schade, the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on March 29, 2011, 33 1/3% on March 29, 2012 and 33 1/3% on March 29, 2013.

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

Mr. Schade was issued 8,700 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on March 29, 2010. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on March 29, 2013 if the average of the closing price of NRG's Common Stock on March 29, 2013 and the nineteen preceding trading days (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$28.53 (the "Threshold Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to a pro-rated amount in between one-half and one share of common stock if the

- (5) Measurement Price equals or exceeds the Threshold Price but less than \$30.95 (the "Target Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to a pro-rated amount in between one and two shares of common stock if the Measurement Price is equal to the Target Price but less than \$36.20 (the "Maximum Price"). The payout for each PU will be equal to two shares of common stock if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

**Remarks:**

Mr. Schade joined NRG Energy, Inc. on March 29, 2010 and will assume the role of Chief Financial Officer following the filing of this Form.

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