

NRG ENERGY, INC.  
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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 \*  
**TATE HERBERT H**

(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)  
**01/18/2007**

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)

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	01/18/2007		S <sup>(1)</sup>	745 <sup>(1)</sup> D	\$ 56.11	7,875	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)**

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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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TATE HERBERT H NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540		X		

## Signatures

/s/Tanuja M. Dehne, under Power of Attorney 01/18/2007

\*\*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) On March 12, 2004, June 1, 2004 and June 1, 2005, NRG Energy, Inc. (the "Company") issued 4,412; 2091; and 1,226 Deferred Stock Units ("DSU's"), respectively, to Mr. Tate under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each DSU is equivalent in value to one share of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.01. On January 1, 2006, 1,932 of such DSU's (25% (1,103) from the March 12, 2004 grant, 25% (522) from the June 1, 2004 grant and 25% (307) from the June 1, 2005 grant) were exchanged for such Common Stock on a one-to-one basis. Mr. Tate sold the shares in order to cover the tax liability associated with the exchange of DSU's to Common Stock.

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