

Freeland Clint  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                     |  |
| Â Freeland Clint                          |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]   |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 03/03/2008   |  |
| NRG ENERGY, INC., Â 211                   |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                       | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| CARNEGIE CENTER                           |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                   |
| PRINCETON, Â NJ Â 08540                   |         |                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                       |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | (give title below)   | (specify below)                                      |
|   |         |                                      | Sr. VP & CFO   |  |
|   |         |                                      | 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<br>(Instr. 4)       | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|
| Common Stock, par value \$ .01 per share | 8,662 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | D   | Â  |

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

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|                             |                           | Expiration Date |   | Amount or Number of Shares |                   | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Non-Qualified Stock Options | 01/03/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> | 01/03/2013      | Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 7,000                      | \$ 27.915         | D                          | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options | 05/16/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> | 05/16/2013      | Common stock, par value \$.01 per share | 6,500                      | \$ 41.605         | D                          | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options | 01/02/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> | 01/02/2014      | Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 6,400                      | \$ 42.82          | D                          | Â |
| Performance Unit            | 01/03/2010                | 01/03/2017      | Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 3,200                      | \$ <sup>(5)</sup> | D                          | Â |
| Performance Unit            | 05/16/2010                | 05/16/2017      | Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 3,200                      | \$ <sup>(6)</sup> | D                          | Â |
| Performance Unit            | 01/02/2011                | 01/02/2018      | Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share | 2,400                      | \$ <sup>(7)</sup> | D                          | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer        | Other |
| Freeland Clint<br>NRG ENERGY, INC.<br>211 CARNEGIE CENTER<br>PRINCETON, NJ 08540 | Â             | Â         | Â Sr. VP & CFO | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney  
03/05/2008

\_\_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).

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Includes Restricted Stock Units ("RSU") issued to Mr. Freeland by NRG Energy, Inc. ("NRG") under NRG's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$.01. Mr. Freeland will receive from NRG one such share of Common Stock, as follows: (i) 2,000 shares on August 1, 2008; (ii) 3,800 shares on February 3, 2009; (iii) 800 shares on January 3, 2010; (iv) 820 shares on May 16, 2010; and (v) 600 shares on January 2, 2011.

- (2) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Freeland, 33 1/3% of the Stock Options vested on January 3, 2008. The remaining balance will vest as follows: 33 1/3% on January 3, 2009 and 33 1/3% on January 3, 2010.
- (3) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Freeland, the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on May 16, 2008; 33 1/3% on May 16, 2009; and 33 1/3% on May 16, 2010.
- (4) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Freeland, the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on January 2, 2009; 33 1/3% on January 2, 2010; and 33 1/3% on January 2, 2011.

- Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 3, 2010 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to January 3, 2010 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$38.095 (the "Target Price"). The payout for
- (5) 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 \$44.74 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

- Each Performance Unit will be paid out on May 16, 2010 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to May 16, 2010 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$57.20 (the "Target Price"). The payout for each
- (6) 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 \$67.11 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

- Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 2, 2011 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to January 2, 2011 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$60.16 (the "Target Price"). The payout for
- (7) 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 \$70.35 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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