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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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obligations

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gutierrez Mauricio

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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(First) (Middle) NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

President & Chief Exec Officer

NRG ENERGY, INC., 804

(Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2018

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

CARNEGIE CENTER

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Amount (D)

Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common

per share

Stock, par value, \$.01

01/03/2018

24,362 D

(1) 505,402 (2)

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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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Gutierrez Mauricio							
NRG ENERGY, INC. 804 CARNEGIE CENTER	X		President & Chief Exec Officer				

Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, by Power of Attorney

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

01/05/2018

**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).

On January 3, 2017 Mr. Gutierrez was issued 140,251 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG's Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"). Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$.01. On January 3, 2018,

- (1) 46,703 shares vested. Mr. Gutierrez elected to satisfy his tax obligation upon the exchange of common stock for RSUs having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the withholding obligation. This form reflects the surrender of 24,362 shares of common stock to satisfy the grantee's tax withholding obligation.
 - 283 DERs converted in NRG common stock in connection with the vesting of the RSUs described above. Following these transactions, the reporting person holds 11,459 DERs in the aggregate. Dividend equivalent rights accrue on the reporting person's restricted stock
- (2) units or market stock units which become exercisable proportionately with the restricted stock units or market stock units to which they relate and may only be settled in NRG common stock. Each dividend equivalent right is the economic equivalent of one share of NRG common stock.

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