

NRG ENERGY, INC.  
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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 \*  
RAGAN JOHN W

(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)  
12/18/2006

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)  
Exec VP & Regional Pres, NE

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	(D)	Price
Common Stock, par value .01 per share	12/18/2006		A		3,150 (1)	A	(2) 3,150
						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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 57.85	12/18/2006		A	25,600	12/18/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/18/2012 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
Performance Units	<u>(5)</u>	12/18/2006		A	12,200 <u>(5)</u>	12/18/2009 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/18/2009	Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAGAN JOHN W NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540			Exec VP & Regional Pres, NE	

## Signatures

John Ragan 12/19/2006

\*\*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 pursuant to the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and John W. Ragan.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit is equivalent in value to one share of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock, par value \$0.01. Mr. Ragan will receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Restricted Stock Unit on December 18, 2009.
- (3) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Ragan, the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on December 18, 2007, 33 1/3% on December 18, 2008 and 33 1/3% on December 18, 2009.

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- (4) Stock options expire six years from the date of the grant.

Mr. Ragan was issued 6,100 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan on December 18, 2006. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on December 18, 2009 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to December 18, 2009 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$81.28 (the "Target

- (5) Price"). The payout for 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 \$95.05 (the "Maximum Price"); and (iii) two shares of Common Stock, if the Measurement Price is equal to or greater than the Maximum Price.

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