

NRG ENERGY, INC.  
Form 8-K  
February 28, 2012

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) **February 28, 2012**

**NRG Energy, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-15891**  
(Commission File Number)

**211 Carnegie Center**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**41-1724239**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Princeton, NJ 08540**  
(Zip Code)

**609-524-4500**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On February 28, 2012, NRG Energy, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report on Form 8-K and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> |  | <b>Document</b> |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 99.1                      | Press Release, dated February 28, 2012 |                 |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NRG Energy, Inc.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Michael R. Bramnick  
Michael R. Bramnick  
Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel

Dated: February 28, 2012

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