

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)  
**08/24/2005**

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share <sup>(1)</sup>	08/24/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>	400 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub> D \$ 38.88	7,329	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share <sup>(1)</sup>	08/24/2005		S <sup>(2)</sup>	300 <sup>(1)</sup> <sub>(2)</sub> D \$ 38.85	7,029	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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## 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 08/25/2005

\*\*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 March 12, 2004, NRG Energy, Inc. (the "Company") issued 4,412 Deferred Stock Units to Mr. Tate under the Company's Long Term Incentive Plan. Each Deferred Stock Unit is equivalent in value to one share of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$0.01. On

(1) January 1, 2005, 25 % (1,103 units) of the 4,412 Deferred Stock Units were exchanged for such Common Stock on a one-to-one basis. The remaining units will be exchanged on the following schedule: (i) 25% (1,103 units) on January 1, 2006; (ii) 25% (1,103 units) on January 1, 2007; and (iii) 25% (1,103 units) on January 1, 2008.

(2) Mr. Tate sold the shares in order to cover the tax liability associated with the exchange of Deferred Stock Units to Common Stock.

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