

Murphy J Andrew  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Murphy J Andrew

(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)  
12/18/2009

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)  
Exec VP & Pres, NE Region

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 .01 per share | 12/18/2009                           |  | J                              |   | 2,108<br><u>(1)</u>   | D  |                                   |
|                                       |                                      |  |                                |   | \$<br>25.45<br><u>(1)</u>   |  |                                   |
|                                       |                                      |  |                                |   | 16,821  |  | 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 Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 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 |
| Murphy J Andrew<br>NRG ENERGY, INC.<br>211 CARNEGIE CENTER<br>PRINCETON, NJ 08540 |               |           | Exec VP & Pres, NE Region |       |

## Signatures

/s/Tanuja M. Dehne, under Power of Attorney  
 12/22/2009  
 \*\*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) On December 18, 2006, Mr. Murphy was issued 6,300 Restricted Stock Units ("RSU's") by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan (the "LTIP"). Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$0.01. On December 18, 2009, 6,300 of the originally granted 6,300 RSUs vested. Pursuant to the LTIP, Mr. Murphy elected to satisfy his tax withholding obligation upon the exchange of common stock for RSU's by surrendering a number of shares of common stock having a value on the date of the exchange equal to the tax withholding obligation. This form is being filed to reflect the surrender of 2,108 shares of common stock to satisfy the grantee's tax withholding obligation.

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