Hantke William Form 4 November 03, 2017

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hantke William

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director

10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

(Zip)

NRG ENERGY, INC., 804 CARNEGIE CENTER

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

11/01/2017

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

below)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) any

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

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

12

Common

Stock, par value, \$.01

per share

11/01/2017

(1)

 $64,793 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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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						
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Hantke William NRG ENERGY, INC. 804 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	X						

Signatures

/s/ Brian Curci, by Power of Attorney 11/03/2017 **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).
- Represents dividend equivalent rights accrued on the Reporting Person's deferred stock units, which become exercisable proportionately with the deferred 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.
- (2) Includes 208 dividend equivalent rights.

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