NRG ENERGY, INC.

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG] À Hoffmann M Stephen (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) NRG ENERGY, INC., Â 211 (Check all applicable) **CARNEGIE CENTER** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Sr VP & Pres, Western Region Person PRINCETON, ÂNJÂ 08540 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share $\frac{(1)}{}$ 1,900 (1) (2) D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of
Security	Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Indirect Beneficial
(Instr. 4)	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Derivative	Security:	
			Security	Direct (D)	

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				Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Options	01/03/2007(3)	01/03/2012(4)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	3,100	\$ 47.95	D	Â
Performance Units (5)	01/03/2009(5)	01/03/2009(5)	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	1,400	\$ <u>(5)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hoffmann M Stephen				
NRG ENERGY, INC.	â	Â	Sr VP & Pres, Western Region	â
211 CARNEGIE CENTER	А	A	A SI VF & Fles, Western Region	A
PRINCETON, NJ 08540				

Signatures

M. Stephen
Hoffmann

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 the following securities issued to Mr. Hoffmann by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG's Long Term Incentive Plan: (i) 500 (1) Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") issued on March 2, 2004; (ii) 1,000 RSUs issued on August 1, 2005; and (iii) 400 RSUs issued on January 3, 2006.
- Each RSU is equivalent in value to one share of NRG's Common Stock, par value \$0.01. Mr. Hoffmann will receive from NRG one such (2) share of Common Stock for each RSU as follows: (i) 500 shares on March 2, 2007; (ii) 1,000 shares on August 1, 2008; and (iii) 400 shares on January 3, 2009.
- (3) Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and Mr. Hoffmann, the Stock Option will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on January 3, 2007; 33 1/3% on January 3, 2008; and 33 1/3% on January 3, 2009.
- (4) Stock Options expire six years from the date of grant.
 - Mr. Hoffmann was issued 700 Performance Units by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc's Long Term Incentive Plan on January 3, 2006. Each Performance Unit will be paid out on January 3, 2009 if the average closing price of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock for the ten trading days prior to January 3, 2009 (the "Measurement Price") is equal to or greater than \$67.37 (the "Target Price"). The
- (5) 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 \$79.49 (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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