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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b> Jacobs Christine A <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) NRG ENERGY, INC., 901 MARQUETTE AVE., SUITE 2300 <hr/> (Street) MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> NRG ENERGY INC [NRG]	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice Pres, Plant Operations
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction</b> (Month/Day/Year) 09/07/2004	
	<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed</b> (Month/Day/Year)	

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	09/07/2004		A		5,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	<sup>(2)</sup>	5,000	D	

**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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-Qualified Stock Options	\$ 27.27	09/07/2004		A		15,000		09/07/2005 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/07/2015 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	15,000	\$ 0	15,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents Restricted Stock Units issued pursuant to the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement by and between NRG Energy, Inc. (the "Company") and Christine A. Jacobs (the "Restricted Stock Unit Agreement").
2. Restricted Stock Units are exchangeable for an equal number of shares of Common Stock \$.01 par value, on the exercise date. The Restricted Stock Units will become unrestricted on September 7, 2007, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances as set forth in the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement.
3. Pursuant to the Grant Agreement by and between the Company and Christine A. Jacobs, the Stock Options will vest and become exercisable as follows: 33 1/3% on September 7, 2005, 33 1/3% on September 7, 2006 and 33 1/3% on September 7, 2007, subject to acceleration under certain circumstances as set forth therein.
4. Vested options will be exercisable for ten years.

/s/ Christine A. Jacobs      09/07/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

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

\* 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).

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