# Form **8937**(December 2017) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Report of Organizational Actions
Affecting Basis of Securities

► See separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-0123

| Part I Reporting Issuer  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1 Issuer's name  |   | 2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)   |
| NRG Energy, Inc.   |   | 41-1724239  |
| 3 Name of contact for additional information 4 Telephone No. of contact                    |   | 5 Email address of contact  |
| Investor Relations 609-524-4500  |   | investor.relations@nrg.com  |
| 6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact    |   | 7 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of contact                                      |
| 804 Carnegle Center  |   | Princeton, New Jersey 08540   |
| 8 Date of action 9 Classification and description  |   |   |
| December 14, 2018  | Common Stock  |   |
| 10 CUSIP number 11 Serial number(  | (s) 12 Ticker symbol  | 13 Account number(s)  |
| 629377508  | NRG   |   |
|  |   | e back of form for additional questions.  a against which shareholders' ownership is measured for |
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| 15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organishare or as a percentage of old basis ► S | anizational action on the basis of the securit<br>ee Attachment | y in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per  |
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| Describe the calculation of the change in be valuation dates ▶ See Attachment              | pasis and the data that supports the calcula                    | tion, such as the market values of securities and the   |
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Send Form 8937 (including accompanying statements) to: Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, Ogden, UT 84201-0054

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### NRG Energy, Inc.

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#### Part II, Item 14

As a consequence of NRG Energy, Inc.'s ("NRG") on-going transformation plan activities during 2018, the company generated negative current earnings & profits ("E&P").

#### Part II, Item 15

Dividends paid in excess of the current and accumulated E&P of a corporation reduce the basis of the shares of the corporation pursuant to Internal Revenue Code §301(c)(2) and §316(a).

NRG made cash distributions to holders of each share of common stock on select record dates. At this time, and based upon reasonable assumptions made by NRG, the distributions are expected to be non dividend distributions, thereby reducing each shareholder's basis by the amount of the distributions.

#### Part II, Item 16

At this time, and based upon reasonable assumptions by NRG, the full amount of the 2018 distributions paid per share on the common stock should reduce the basis of each share of common stock held by each shareholder as NRG is not expected to have any E&P (current or accumulated) as of December 31, 2018. Pursuant to the applicable Treasury Regulations under IRC §6045B, if these assumptions turn out to be incorrect, NRG will file a corrected Form 8937 within 45 days of such determination.

#### Part II, Item 19

The reportable tax year is 2018.