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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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| <b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b><br>Jacobs Christine A<br><hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle)<br>NRG ENERGY, INC., 901<br>MARQUETTE AVE., SUITE 2300<br><hr/> (Street)<br>MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402<br><hr/> (City) (State) (Zip) | <b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b><br>09/07/2004 | <b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b><br>NRG ENERGY INC [NRG]   |   |
|   |  | <b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b><br>(Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br>X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br>Vice Pres, Plant Operations | <b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b><br><br><b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b><br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)                        | 2. Amount of Securities Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| No securities beneficially owned                       | 0  | D  |   |

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

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

**Explanation of Responses:**

/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 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).

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