# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### **SCHEDULE 14A**

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# NRG Energy, Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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# \*\*\* Exercise Your Right to Vote \*\*\*

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on April 27, 2017.

NRG ENERGY, INC.

### Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: March 13, 2017

Date: April 27, 2017 Time: 9:00 AM EDT

Location: Hyatt Regency Princeton 102 Carnegie Center Princeton, NJ 08540

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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# Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

#### Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

I. NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT 2. ANNUAL REPORT

#### How to View Online:

following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

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1) BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639

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# - How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items
The Board of Directors recommends a vote
FOR the nominees listed under Proposal 1, FOR
Proposals 2, 3, 4 and 6 and 1 YEAR for Proposal 5.

Election of Directors

#### Nominees:

- 1a. E. Spencer Abraham
- 1b. Kirbyjon H. Caldwell
- 1c. Lawrence S. Coben
- 1d. Terry G. Dallas
- 1e. Mauncio Gutierrez
- 1f. William E. Hantke
- 1g Paul W. Hobby
- 1h. Anne C. Schaumburg
- 1i. Evan J. Silverstein
- 1j. Barry T. Smitherman
- 1k. Thomas H. Weidemeyer
- 11. C. John Wilder
- 1m. Walter R. Young

- To adopt the NRG Energy, Inc. Amended and Restated Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- To adopt the NRG Energy, Inc. Amended and Restated Employee Stock Purchase Plan 3.
- To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers. 4.
- To approve, on a non-binding advisory basis, the frequency of the non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation.

  To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2017.

# The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST Proposal 7:

To vote on a stockholder proposal regarding disclosure of political expenditures, if properly presented at the meeting.

**NOTE:** Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.