

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

NRG ENERGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-25569

(Commission File Number)

41-1724239

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

901 MARQUETTE AVENUE, SUITE 2300

MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 612-373-5300

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On September 25, 2000, NRG Energy, Inc., a majority owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy, Inc., announced that it expected earnings for the third quarter to be approximately 45 cents per share, five cents above the First Call consensus estimate of 40 cents per share. NRG Energy, Inc. also expects calendar year 2000 earnings per share to exceed the First Call consensus estimate of 95 cents by five cents per share, resulting in a \$1.00 per share estimate for the year.

The press release raising NRG Energy's third quarter earnings estimate to 45 cents per share is filed with this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.12 See "Item 7. Exhibits."

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The following exhibits are filed with this report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
99.12	Press release issued September 25, 2000 of NRG Energy, Inc.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NRG Energy, Inc.
(Registrant)

By /s/ Leonard A. Bluhm

Leonard A. Bluhm
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Dated: September 27, 2000

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NEWS
RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NRG Energy Raises 3rd Quarter Earnings Estimate to 45 Cents Per Share

MINNEAPOLIS (SEPTEMBER 25, 2000) -- NRG Energy, Inc (NYSE: NRG) today announced that it expected earnings for the third quarter to be approximately 45 cents per share, five cents above the First Call consensus estimate of 40 cents per share.

The revised expectation results primarily from the ability of NRG's generating facilities to satisfy the increased, weather-related demand for electricity in various regions of the U.S., particularly in the West.

"The availability of our generating facilities to meet customer demand over the summer months has resulted in income and cash flow that exceed our earlier expectations," said David H. Peterson, chairman, president and CEO. "Atypically warm weather in the West has been the driving factor, partially offset by cooler than normal weather in the Northeast."

NRG also expects calendar year 2000 earnings per share to exceed the First Call consensus estimate of 95 cents by five cents per share, resulting in a \$1.00 per share estimate for the year. NRG will announce its third quarter earnings on Tuesday, October 24, 2000 after the close of the New York Stock Exchange.

NRG Energy is a leading global energy company primarily engaged in the acquisition, development, construction, ownership and operation of power generation facilities. NRG owns all or a portion of 63 power generation projects and its net ownership interest in these projects exceeds 16,000 MW. NRG Energy's operations utilize such diverse fuel sources as natural gas, oil, coal and coal seam methane, biomass, landfill gas, and hydro, as well as refuse-derived fuel.

Certain information included in this news release contains statements that are forward-looking. Such forward-looking information involves risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect anticipated results in the future and, accordingly, such results may differ from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by or on behalf of NRG Energy. For more information regarding these risks and uncertainties, review NRG Energy's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

More information on NRG Energy is available at www.nrgenergy.com.

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