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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Hantke William <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) NRG ENERGY, INC., 211 CARNEGIE CENTER <hr/> (Street) PRINCETON NJ 08540 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person 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 (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (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)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares ^M			

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Tanuja M. Dehne, under
Power of Attorney 03/10/2006

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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February 21, 2006

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE
PRESENTS,

that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of
David W.

Crane, Timothy W. J. O'Brien and Tanuja M. Dehne, signing
singly, the

undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to: (i)
execute for and on

behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's
capacity as an officer

and/or director and/or owner of greater than 10%
of the outstanding Common

Stock of NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware
corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3,

4, and 5 in accordance with Section
16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of
1934 and the rules thereunder;

(ii) do and perform any and all acts for and
on behalf of the undersigned

which may be necessary or desirable to
complete and execute any such Form

3, 4, or 5 and timely file such form
with the United States Securities

and Exchange Commission and any stock
exchange or similar authority,

including the New York Stock Exchange; and

(iii) take any other action of
any type whatsoever in connection with the
foregoing which, in the

opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit
to, in the best

interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it
being understood

that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on
behalf of the

undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in
such form and

shall contain such terms and conditions as such
attorney-in-fact may

approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned

hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power
and authority to

do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever
requisite,

necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the
rights and

powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as
the

undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of

substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such

attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause
to

be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers

herein granted. Each of the undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing

attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the

undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the

undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by each of the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of date first written above.

William E. Hantke

/s/ William E.
Hantke
