

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 14D-9

**Solicitation/Recommendation Statement
Under Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 5)**

NRG Energy, Inc.
(Name of Subject Company)

NRG Energy, Inc.
(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

629377508
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This Amendment No. 5 to Schedule 14D-9 amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 (the “Statement”) originally filed by NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“NRG”), with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 24, 2008, relating to the unsolicited offer by Exelon Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation (“Exelon”), through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Exelon Xchange Corporation, a Delaware corporation, to exchange each outstanding share of common stock of NRG, par value \$0.01 per share (“NRG Common Stock”), for 0.485 of a share of Exelon common stock, without par value, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in (1) the Preliminary Prospectus/Offer to Exchange, dated November 12, 2008 (the “Exchange Offer”) and (2) the related Letter of Transmittal (which, together with the Exchange Offer and any amendments or supplements thereto from time to time, collectively constitutes the “Offer”). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Statement. Except as otherwise noted, the information set forth in the original Statement remains unchanged.

Item 9. Exhibits.

Item 9 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following exhibits:

Exhibit No.	Description
(a)(7)	Employee Letter dated December 19, 2008*

* Incorporated herein by reference to NRG’s 425 filing with the SEC on December 19, 2008.

SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

NRG ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ J. Andrew Murphy

Name: J. Andrew Murphy

Title: Executive Vice President and
General Counsel

Dated: December 19, 2008