

Gaudette Robert J
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Gaudette Robert J		(Month/Day/Year)	NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	12/06/2018	
NRG ENERGY, INC., 804			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
CARNEGIE CENTER				
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
PRINCETON, NJ 08540			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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			Senior VP, Business Solutions	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	68,918 ⁽¹⁾	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
		Title			

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proportionately with the RSUs to which they relate and can only be settled in NRG common stock. Each DER is the economic equivalent to one share of NRG common stock.

- (2) Mr. Gaudette was issued 20,570 MSUs by NRG under the LTIP on January 4, 2016. The MSUs will convert to shares of NRG Common Stock on January 4, 2019 only in the event the Company has achieved a certain level of TSR. TSR will consist of the average of the closing price of NRG's Common Stock on January 2, 2018 the nineteen preceding trading days and any dividends paid since the grant date as determined by the Compensation Committee.

- (3) Mr. Gaudette will receive a maximum of 41,140 shares of Common Stock if the Company has achieved a 100% increase in TSR since the grant date (the "Maximum"); 20,570 shares of Common Stock if there is no change in TSR since the grant date (the "Target"), or 15,427 shares of Common Stock if there is a 25% decrease in TSR since the grant date (the "Threshold"). Mr. Gaudette will not receive any shares of Common Stock if TSR has decreased by more than 25% since the grant date. The number of shares of Common Stock that Mr. Gaudette may receive is interpolated for TSR falling between Threshold, Target, and Maximum levels.

- (4) Mr. Gaudette was issued 25,004 RPSUs by NRG under the LTIP on January 3, 2017. The RPSUs will convert to shares of NRG Common Stock on January 3, 2020 only in the event the Company has achieved a certain level of TSRs relative to the Peer Group (defined below) over a three-year performance period. The number of shares of Common Stock that the Reporting Person may receive is interpolated for TSR falling between Threshold, Target, and Maximum levels as described below.

- (5) Mr. Gaudette will receive (i) a maximum of 50,008 shares of Common Stock if the Company's TSR is ranked at or above the 75th percentile relative to a peer group of companies approved by the Company's Compensation Committee (the "Peer Group") for the performance period (the "Maximum"); (ii) 25,004 shares of Common Stock if the Company's TSR is ranked at the 55th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period (the "Target"); provided, however, if TSR is less than negative fifteen percent (-15%), the Company's TSR must be ranked at the 65th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period to receive the Target award; or (iii) 6,251 shares of Common Stock if the Company's TSR is ranked at the 25th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period (the "Threshold"). Mr. Gaudette will not receive any shares of Common Stock if the Company's TSR is below the 25th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period.

- (6) Mr. Gaudette was issued 11,456 RPSUs by NRG under the LTIP on January 3, 2017. The RPSUs will convert to shares of NRG Common Stock on January 3, 2020 only in the event the Company has achieved a certain level of TSRs relative to the Peer Group (defined below) over a three-year performance period. The number of shares of Common Stock that the Reporting Person may receive is interpolated for TSR falling between Threshold, Target, and Maximum levels as described below.

- (7) Mr. Gaudette will receive (i) a maximum of 22,912 shares of Common Stock if the Company's TSR is ranked at or above the 75th percentile relative to a peer group of companies approved by the Company's Compensation Committee (the "Peer Group") for the performance period (the "Maximum"); (ii) 11,456 shares of Common Stock if the Company's TSR is ranked at the 55th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period (the "Target"); provided, however, if TSR is less than negative fifteen percent (-15%), the Company's TSR must be ranked at the 65th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period to receive the Target award; or (iii) 2,864 shares of Common Stock if the Company's TSR is ranked at the 25th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period (the "Threshold"). Mr. Gaudette will not receive any shares of Common Stock if the Company's TSR is below the 25th percentile relative to the Peer Group for the performance period.

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