

ROCHWARGER GEOFFREY
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ROCHWARGER GEOFFREY

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O GENIE ENERGY LTD., 550
BROAD STREET
(Street)

NEWARK, NJ 07102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Genie Energy Ltd. [GNE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/11/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Class B Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	03/11/2013		D		15,453	D	① 45,255 ②
Series 2012 - A Preferred Stock, \$.01 par value per share	03/11/2013		A		15,453	A	① 15,453

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.85	03/11/2013		D ⁽³⁾	889	⁽³⁾ 06/15/2013	Class B Common Stock	889
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.85	03/11/2013		A ⁽³⁾	889	⁽³⁾ 06/15/2014	Class B Common Stock	889

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROCHWARGER GEOFFREY C/O GENIE ENERGY LTD. 550 BROAD STREET NEWARK, NJ 07102			Vice Chairman	

Signatures

Joyce J. Mason, by Power of Attorney

03/13/2013

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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).
- (1) The reporting person disposed of 15,453 shares of Class B Common Stock in exchange for 15,453 shares of Series 2012 - A Preferred Stock in an issuer exchange offer.
- (2) Consists of 24,975 shares of the Company's unvested Class B Common Restricted Stock of which 12,488 vest on November 3, 2013 and 12,487 vest on November 3, 2014 and 20,280 shares of the Company's Class B Common Stock held by Mr. Rochwarger directly.
The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date, resulting in the deemed
- (3) cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on November 3, 2011 and vested immediately.

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