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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> COSGROVE HOWARD E	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NRG ENERGY, INC. [NRG]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle) NRG ENERGY, INC., 211 CARNEGIE CENTER	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/01/2009	X Director	applicable) 10% Owner Other (specify below)		
(Street) PRINCETON, NJ 08540	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	 6. Individual or Joint/O Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One R Form filed by More t 	Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Ac	Person	Reneficially Owned		
(Instr. 3) any (Mont		5. Amount of Securities6. O Form Beneficially OwnedIndia	Ownership 7. Nature of m: Direct Indirect		
Common Stock, par value .01 per share Common Stock, par	A <u>6,851</u> A (2)	65,693 D			
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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)	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	;	ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securit (Instr. 3	nt of ying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
		Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title I	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
COSGROVE HOWARD E NRG ENERGY, INC. 211 CARNEGIE CENTER PRINCETON, NJ 08540	X					
Signatures						
/s/ Brian Curci, under Power of Attorney	2	06/03/2009				
**Signature of Reporting Person		Dat	e			

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) Represents Deferred Stock Units issued to Mr. Cosgrove by NRG Energy, Inc. under NRG Energy, Inc.'s Long Term Incentive Plan.

Each Deferred Stock Unit is equivalent in value to one share of NRG Energy, Inc.'s Common Stock, par value \$0.01. Mr. Cosgrove will(2) receive from NRG Energy, Inc. one such share of Common Stock for each Deferred Stock Unit he owns upon termination of his service on NRG Energy, Inc.'s Board of Directors.

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