

NRG ENERGY, INC.  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2004

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) December 21, 2004

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**NRG Energy, Inc.**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-15891**

**41-1724239**

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(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**211 Carnegie Center**

**Princeton, NJ 08540**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

**609-524-4500**

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**901 Marquette Avenue, Suite 2300, Minneapolis, MN 55402**

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On December 21, 2004, NRG Energy, Inc., or the Company, completed the repurchase of 13 million shares of common stock from MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners, L.P. and MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners (Bermuda) L.P. at a purchase price of approximately \$31.16 per share, in accordance with the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement dated December 7, 2004, by and among the Company and MatlinPatterson Global Advisers LLC, MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners, L.P. and MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners (Bermuda) L.P., or the Stock Purchase Agreement.

Pursuant to the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement, Mark R. Patterson, Ramon Betolaza and Frank S. Plimpton ceased to be directors of the Company, and the Registration Rights Agreement dated December 5, 2003, by and among the Company, MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners, L.P. and MatlinPatterson Global Opportunities Partners (Bermuda) L.P. was terminated.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NRG Energy, Inc.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ TIMOTHY W. J. O BRIEN  
Timothy W. J. O Brien  
Vice President, Secretary and General  
Counsel

Dated: December 21, 2004