

THACKER WILLIAM L  
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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 \*  
THACKER WILLIAM L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GenOn Energy, Inc. [GEN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1000 MAIN STREET  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

HOUSTON, TX 77002  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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)
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/14/2012		D		100,704	D	0
Cash Units	12/14/2012		M		17,245	A	17,245
Cash Units	12/14/2012		D		17,245	D	0

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
Stock Options	\$ 8.7	12/14/2012		D	14,381	<u>(3)</u> 01/13/2016	Common Stock	14,315
Stock Options	\$ 8.6	12/14/2012		D	14,540	<u>(4)</u> 05/10/2016	Common Stock	14,540
Cash Units	<u>(2)</u>	12/14/2012		M	17,245	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	17,245

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THACKER WILLIAM L 1000 MAIN STREET HOUSTON, TX 77002		X		

## Signatures

/s/ William L.  
Thacker

12/18/2012

\*\*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).

- The reporting person disposed of these shares in connection with the merger (the "Merger") involving GenOn Energy, Inc. and NRG Energy, Inc. ("NRG") in exchange for shares of NRG common stock, based on the exchange ratio of 0.1216 and having a market value of \$23.00 per share on the effective date of the Merger, plus cash consideration for fractional shares.
- Each cash unit is the economic equivalent of one share of common stock of GenOn. The cash units were paid in cash in connection with the Merger based on the fair market value per share of GenOn common stock on the effective date of the Merger.
  - Upon completion of the Merger, this fully-vested option was converted into an option to purchase 1,748 shares of NRG common stock at \$71.55 per share.
  - Upon completion of the Merger, this fully-vested option was converted into an option to purchase 1,768 shares of NRG common stock at \$70.73 per share.

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