Registration No. 333-189148

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO

# FORM S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# NRG Yield, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**4911** (Primary Standard Industrial

Classification Code Number)

46-1777204

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 (609) 524-9500

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

David R. Hill

Executive Vice President and General Counsel
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Latham & Watkins LLP 885 Third Avenue, Suite 1000 New York, New York 10022 (212) 906-1200

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

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in accordance with Section 8(a) of t	he Securities Act of 1933 or un	ntil this Registration Statement sh	atement shall thereafter become effective nall become effective on such date as the		
The registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date					
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# **Explanatory Note**

This Amendment No. 4 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Commission File No. 333-189148) is being filed solely for the purpose of filing Exhibit 5.1 thereto, and no changes or additions are being made hereby to the prospectus that forms a part of the Registration Statement. Accordingly, the prospectus is being omitted from this filing.

#### PART II

#### Item 13. Other expenses of issuance and distribution

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, to be paid in connection with the sale of the shares of Class A common stock being registered hereby. All costs and expenses will be paid by NRG. All amounts are estimates except for the SEC registration fee, the FINRA filing fee and the New York Stock Exchange listing fee.

SEC registration fee	\$	64,482
FINRA filing fee		71,500
New York Stock Exchange listing fee		192,000
Legal fees and expenses	2,	,200,000
Accounting fees and expenses	1,	,000,000
Printing and engraving expenses		490,000
Transfer agent and registrar fees and expenses		100,000
Other expenses	1.	,957,500
Total	\$ 6.	,075,482

#### Item 14. Indemnification of directors and officers

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL allows a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation will not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except where the director breached the duty of loyalty, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct or knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of a dividend or approved a stock repurchase in violation of Delaware corporate law or obtained an improper personal benefit. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide for this limitation of liability.

Section 145 of the DGCL, or Section 145, provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was, is or is threatened to be made, party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was illegal. A Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who are, were or are a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests, provided that no indemnification is permitted without judicial approval if the officer, director, employee or agent is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Where an officer or director is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the corporation must indemnify him against the expenses which such officer or director

Section 145 further authorizes a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving

at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would otherwise have the power to indemnify him under Section 145.

Our second amended and restated bylaws will provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL and must also pay expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition upon delivery of an undertaking, by or on behalf of an indemnified person, to repay all amounts so advanced if it should be determined ultimately that such person is not entitled to be indemnified.

We intend to enter into indemnification agreements with certain of our executive officers and directors pursuant to which we will agree to indemnify such persons against all expenses and liabilities incurred or paid by such person in connection with any proceeding arising from the fact that such person is or was an officer or director of our company, and to advance expenses as incurred by or on behalf of such person in connection therewith.

The indemnification rights set forth above shall not be exclusive of any other right which an indemnified person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our second amended and restated bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

We expect to maintain standard policies of insurance that provide coverage (1) to our directors and officers against loss rising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act and (2) to us with respect to indemnification payments that we may make to such directors and officers.

The proposed form of Underwriting Agreement to be filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this Registration Statement will provide for indemnification of our directors and officers by the underwriters party thereto against certain liabilities. See "Item 17. Undertakings" for a description of the Commission's position regarding such indemnification provisions.

#### Item 15. Recent sales of unregistered securities

None.

#### Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a) Exhibits

The exhibit index attached hereto is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Financial Statement Schedule

All schedules have been omitted because the information required to be set forth in the schedules is either not applicable or is shown in the financial statements or notes thereto.

#### Item 17. Undertakings

For the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned

registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (1) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424:
- (2) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (3) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (4) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to provide to the underwriters at the closing specified in the underwriting agreement certificates in such denominations and registered in such names as required by the underwriters to permit prompt delivery to each purchaser.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions referenced in Item 14 of this registration statement or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered hereunder, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

- (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in the form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) (1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective; and
- (2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at the time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation, has duly caused this Amendment No. 4
to Registration Statement on Form S-1 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Princeton, State of New
Jersey, on July 11, 2013.

NRG YIELD, INC.

By: /s/ BRIAN E. CURCI

Title

Name: Brian E. Curci Title: Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment No. 4 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on July 11, 2013.

	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
	*	President and Chief Executive Officer (principal
	David W. Crane	executive officer) and Director
	Zuna III Ciano	
	*	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Kirkland B. Andrews		(principal financial officer) and Director
	*	Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
Ronald B. Stark (principal accounting officer)		(principal accounting officer)
	*	Director
	Mauricio Gutierrez	Bliccioi
	*	Director
	Christopher S. Sotos	
		Amendment No. 4 to Registration Statement pursuant to the Powers of Attorney Securities and Exchange Commission on June 6, 2013.
By:	/s/ BRIAN E. CURCI	
•	Brian E. Curci	

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
1.1**	Form of Underwriting Agreement
3.1**	Form of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation
3.2**	Form of Second Amended and Restated Bylaws
4.1**	Form of Specimen Stock Certificate
5.1	Opinion of Kirkland & Ellis LLP
10.1**	Form of Management Services Agreement by and between NRG Yield, Inc. and NRG Energy, Inc.
10.2**	Form of Right of First Offer Agreement by and between NRG Yield, Inc. and NRG Energy, Inc.
10.3**	Form of Exchange Agreement by and among NRG Yield, Inc., NRG Yield LLC and NRG Energy, Inc.
10.4**	Form of Registration Rights Agreement by and between NRG Yield, Inc. and NRG Energy, Inc.
10.5**	Form of Licensing Agreement by and between NRG Yield, Inc. and NRG Energy, Inc.
10.6***	Credit Agreement, dated as of October 8, 2010, by and among NRG Marsh Landing LLC (formerly Mirant Marsh Landing, LLC), the Royal Bank of Scotland PLC, as administrative agent and Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Collateral Agent and Depository Bank
10.7**	Loan Guarantee Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2011, by and among High Plains Ranch II, LLC, as borrower, the U.S. Department of Energy, as guarantor, and the U.S. Department of Energy, as loan servicer
10.8**	Operation and Maintenance Agreement, dated as of January 31, 2011, by and among Avenal Solar Holdings LLC and NRG Energy Services LLC
10.9**	Asset Management Agreement, dated as of August 30, 2012, by and among NRG Solar Avra Valley LLC and NRG Solar Asset Management LLC
10.10**	Operation and Maintenance Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2012, by and among NRG Energy Services LLC and NRG Solar Borrego I LLC
10.11**	Asset Management Agreement, dated as of March 15, 2012, by and among NRG Solar Alpine LLC and NRG Solar Asset Management LLC
10.12**	Operation and Maintenance Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2011, by and among NRG Energy Services LLC and High Plains Ranch II, LLC
10.13**	Project Administration Agreement, dated as of August 16, 2010, by and among South Trent Wind LLC and NRG Texas Power LLC
10.14**	Operation and Maintenance Agreement, dated as of April 24, 2009, by and among GenConn Devon LLC and Devon Power LLC

10.15\*\* Operation and Maintenance Agreement, dated as of April 24, 2009, by and among GenConn Middletown LLC and Middletown Power LLC

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
10.16**	Administrative Services Agreement, dated as of April 2, 2009, by and among GenOn Energy
	Services, LLC (formerly Mirant Services, LLC) and NRG Marsh Landing, LLC (formerly Mirant Marsh Landing, LLC)
10.17**	Form of Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of NRG Yield LLC
10.18†*	*Form of NRG Yield, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan
10.19†**	*Form of Indemnification Agreement (between NRG Yield, Inc. and its directors and executive officers)
21.1**	List of subsidiaries of NRG Yield, Inc.
23.1**	Consent of KPMG LLP, independent public registered accounting firm with respect to the audited financials of NRG Yield, Inc.
23.2**	Consent of KPMG LLP, independent public registered accounting firm with respect to the audited financials of the predecessor of NRG Yield LLC
23.3**	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent auditors with respect to the audited financials of GCE Holding LLC
23.4**	Consent of KPMG LLP, independent public registered accounting firm with respect to the audited financials of NRG Marsh Landing LLC, formerly GenOn Marsh Landing, LLC
23.5	Consent of Kirkland & Ellis LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1**	Powers of Attorney (included on signature page)
99.1**	Consent of Director Nominees

<sup>†</sup> Indicates exhibits that constitute compensatory plans or arrangements.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Indicates exhibits previously filed by the registrant.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1.48 to GenOn Energy, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 1, 2011.

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# KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

AND AFFILIATED PARTNERSHIPS

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www.kirkland.com

July 11, 2013

NRG Yield, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-1

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as special counsel to NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the proposed registration by the Company of shares of its Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"), including shares of Class A Common Stock, if any, to cover the exercise of an option to purchase additional shares, pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-189148), originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on June 6, 2013 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") (such Registration Statement, as amended or supplemented, is hereinafter referred to as the "Registration Statement"). The shares of Class A Common Stock to be issued and sold by the Company pursuant to the Registration Statement are referred to herein as the "Shares."

In connection therewith, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents, corporate records and other instruments as we have deemed necessary for the purposes of this opinion, including (i) the corporate and organizational documents of the Company, including the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (the "Second Amended and Restated Certificate") to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware prior to the sale of the Shares, (ii) minutes and records of the proceedings of the Company with respect to the issuance and sale of the Shares and (iii) the form of Underwriting Agreement in the form filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Registration Statement (the "Underwriting Agreement"), filed with the Commission on July 8, 2013.

For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies and the authenticity of the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies. We have also assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of the signatures of persons signing all documents in connection with which this opinion is rendered, the authority of such persons signing on behalf of the parties thereto other than the Company and the due authorization, execution and delivery of all documents by the parties thereto other than the Company. We have not independently established or verified any facts relevant to the opinions expressed herein, but have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing qualifications, assumptions and limitations and the further limitations set forth below, we are of the opinion that upon filing of the Second Amended and Restated Certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, the Shares will be duly authorized, and, when the Registration Statement becomes effective under the Act, the final Underwriting Agreement is duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto and the Shares are registered by the Company's transfer agent and delivered against payment of the agreed consideration therefor, all in accordance with the final Underwriting Agreement, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

Our opinion expressed above is subject to the qualification that we express no opinion as to the applicability of, compliance with, or effect of any laws except the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (including the statutory provisions, all applicable provisions of the Delaware constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting the foregoing).

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to our firm under the heading "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission. This opinion and consent may be incorporated by reference in a subsequent registration statement on Form S-1 filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Act with respect to the registration of additional securities for sale in the offering contemplated by the Registration Statement and shall cover such additional securities, if any, registered on such subsequent registration statement.

We do not find it necessary for the purposes of this opinion, and accordingly we do not purport to cover herein, the application of the securities or "Blue Sky" laws of the various states to the issuance and sale of the Shares.

This opinion is limited to the specific issues addressed herein, and no opinion may be inferred or implied beyond that expressly stated herein. This opinion speaks only as of the date that the Registration Statement becomes effective under the Act and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion after the date of effectiveness should the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware be changed by legislative action, judicial decision or otherwise after the date hereof.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kirkland & Ellis LLP

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP