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Weekly Investor Report

NRG Energy Inc. · Utilities · Utilities - Independent Power Producers

LATEST CLOSE

141.0 USD

9.2% latest week

Weekly setup

Weak trend

The weekly trend is not active. Price is -5.2% below the Trend Line and sits at 30.2% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned 9.2%, after a -5.6% four-week move. The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks weakly versus its universe; growth ranks weakly; valuation is expensive relative to peers. Options positioning is bullish with 58/100 conviction, while the latest news-sentiment score is 54/100. Near-term considerations: volume confirmation is below normal; earnings are due in 5d.

Technical setup score 33/100. This score describes the weekly technical setup; the conclusion above also considers fundamentals, positioning, sentiment, and event risk.

LATEST CLOSE	1W RETURN	4W RETURN
141.0 USD	9.2%	-5.6%
24 Jul 2026	latest completed week	short-term follow-through

12W RETURN	TREND BREADTH	VOLUME RATIO
-8.0%	50.0%	0.9x
quarterly tape	26 of 52 weeks active	vs 13-week average

What is working

- Price is above Fair Value, showing premium demand versus the model.
- Next-week expectancy is positive at 62.62% based on similar historical setup states.
- Latest weekly return ranks in the strongest part of its sector group.

What could go wrong

- The trend backdrop is inactive, so price action has not confirmed a constructive regime.
- Price is below the Trend Line, which keeps downside pressure in focus.
- Activity pressure is negative, which weakens the current setup.
- Activity pressure is weak, so confirmation is not yet broad enough.

What to watch next

- Trend Line remains the key weekly regime level.
- Activity pressure is the gauge to monitor for confirmation or fade.
- A volume ratio above 1.5x would show stronger participation in the next move.

This week's evidence at a glance

PRICE FOLLOW-THROUGH	INDICATOR STACK	TREND BACKDROP	PATIENT CAPITAL
9.2%	28/41	Active	Quiet
Latest completed week; four-week move -5.6%.	Trend and activity pressure are weighted against the latest 12-week confirmation window.	The trend backdrop defines the current weekly regime.	Activity-pressure buy-signal status for institutional accumulation timing.

NEXT-WEEK EXPECTANCY	OPTIONS PRESSURE	NEWS SENTIMENT	EVENT RISK
Positive 62.62%	**Bullish**	**54/100**	**5d**
Historical one-week expectancy contributes to the evidence score when direction is confirmed.	58/100 conviction; expected move 13.1%.	55 relevant articles in the latest sentiment read.	Next report is scheduled for 04 Aug 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.

01 · PRICE ACTION

Where price is—and whether the trend supports it

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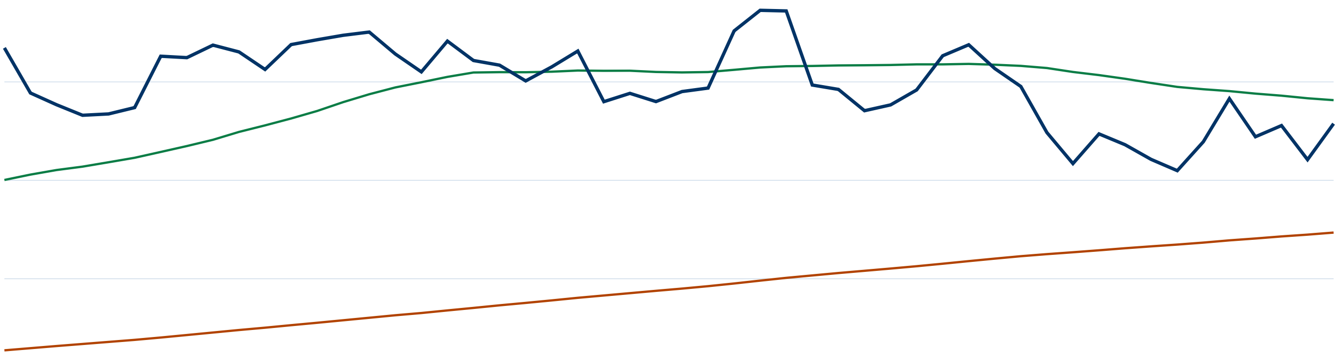
52-week price path



Blue: weekly close · Green: Trend Line · Orange: Sharemaestro Fair Value

Position in the 52-week range

Latest close sits at 30.2% of the 52-week range.

RANGE LOCATION

30.2%

Shows where the latest close sits between the 52-week low and high.

TREND DISTANCE

-5.2%

Price premium or discount versus the weekly Trend Line.

FAIR-VALUE GAP

34.4%

Premium demand or model discount versus Sharemaestro Fair Value.

HIGH-WATER GAP

-25.5%

Distance from the latest 52-week high.

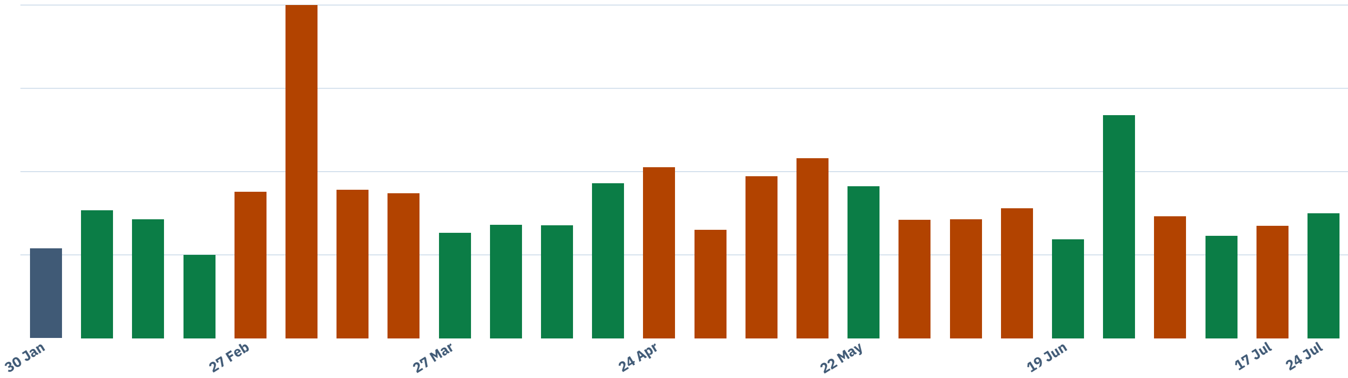
02 · VOLUME AND DEMAND

Is real participation confirming the move?

Latest weekly volume is 0.9x the 13-week average. Participation is below its recent norm, so price strength is not receiving full volume confirmation.

26-week volume confirmation

Bar height shows weekly volume. Green marks an up week; orange marks a down week.



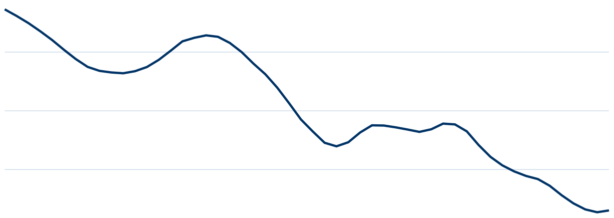
PARTICIPATION	BASELINE	ONE-YEAR BASE	LATEST WEEKLY VOLUME
0.9x	12.5M	11.8M	11.6M
Latest volume versus the 13-week average.	13-week average volume.	52-week average volume.	Most recent completed week.

Demand beneath price

Activity pressure and institutional-style signals

These indicators assess whether participation is improving beneath price. They are supporting evidence, not proof of institutional buying.

Activity pressure path



Latest 0.05 · 12-week average 0.16

12-week confirmation

Signal	Read	Meaning
Trend active	0/12	Active trend-backdrop weeks in the latest 12-week window.
Positive pressure	0/12	Weeks with constructive activity pressure in the latest 12-week window.
Positive leadership	0/12	Weeks with positive relative leadership in the latest 12-week window.
Activity pressure	0.05	Current proprietary activity-pressure read.
Buy signals	0	Accumulation signal count in the latest 12 weeks.
Reversal markers	0	No reversal markers

No recent accumulation markers. No reversal markers.

03 · MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP

Is performance persistent—and is the stock leading?

Performance is -5.6% over four weeks, -8.0% over 12 weeks, and -8.9% over one year. The current trend has remained active for 0 consecutive weeks.

Performance by holding period

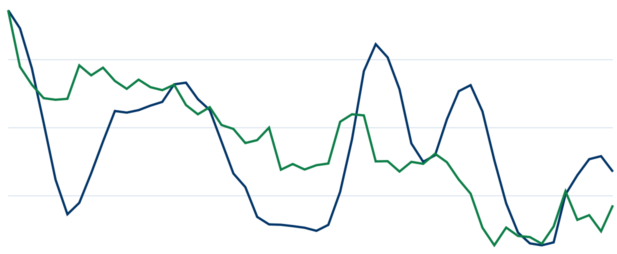
1W	9.2%
4W	-5.6%
12W	-8.0%
26W	-4.9%
52W	-8.9%

ACTIVE TREND STREAK
0 weeks
Consecutive active weeks.

ACTIVE WEEKS
26
Latest 52 weeks.

TREND BREADTH
50.0%
Share of active weeks.

Activity pressure vs relative leadership



Blue: activity pressure · Green: relative leadership

PRESSURE
-0.58
Latest activity-pressure read.

PRESSURE CHANGE
23.5%
Four-week change in activity pressure.

LEADERSHIP
-15.36
Latest relative-leadership reading.

RS CHANGE
-39.4%
Four-week change in relative leadership.

Technical setup scorecard

Trend	28
Momentum	30
Activity Pressure	41
Relative Leadership	1
Next-Week Expectancy	81
Volume	39
Smart Money	28
Risk Control	16

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION

What investors are paying for—and the quality behind it

The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks weakly versus its universe; growth ranks weakly; valuation is expensive relative to peers.

FACTOR WEEK	STATEMENTS THROUGH	FIELD COVERAGE	MODEL CONFIDENCE
26 Jul 2026	31 Dec 2025	97%	93%
Latest published factor snapshot.	Financial reporting period used.	Available factor fields.	Snapshot confidence.

Relative factor standing

Higher display scores are better. Each score is converted from the underlying universe rank, where rank 1 is best.

Overall factor strength	**2/100**
Value	**7/100**
Quality	**12/100**
Momentum	**22/100**
Growth	**20/100**

Valuation

How much investors are paying for earnings, sales, and cash flow.

P/E Price divided by trailing earnings.	**124.5x**
PRICE / SALES Market value relative to trailing revenue.	**0.9x**
EV / EBITDA Enterprise value relative to operating cash earnings.	**20.8x**
FREE-CASH-FLOW YIELD Free cash flow as a share of enterprise value.	**4.0%**

Business quality

Margins and the return generated on invested capital.

GROSS MARGIN Gross profit retained from each unit of revenue.	**17.1%**
OPERATING MARGIN Operating profit retained from revenue.	**1.6%**
FREE-CASH-FLOW MARGIN Free cash flow generated from revenue.	**6.6%**
RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL Operating return generated on invested capital.	**1.4%**

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION · CONTINUED

Growth, shareholder returns, and balance-sheet strength

The second half of the fundamental read separates recent business growth from cash returned to shareholders and financial leverage.

Growth and financial strength

Recent business growth and accounting strength.

REVENUE GROWTH Latest one-year revenue growth.	**10.7%**
EPS GROWTH Latest one-year earnings-per-share growth.	**-82.5%**
FREE-CASH-FLOW GROWTH Latest one-year free-cash-flow growth.	**-39.2%**
PIOTROSKI F-SCORE Nine-point accounting-strength checklist.	**6/9**

Shareholder return and balance sheet

Cash returned to owners and financial leverage.

DIVIDEND YIELD Cash dividends relative to market value.	**1.3%**
BUYBACK YIELD Net share repurchases relative to market value.	**5.4%**
SHAREHOLDER YIELD Dividend yield plus net buyback yield.	**6.7%**
NET DEBT / EBITDA Balance-sheet debt relative to operating cash earnings.	**9.0x**

How to read this

Quality and valuation are separate questions. A strong company can still carry a demanding valuation, so profitability, growth, balance-sheet strength, and the price paid for those characteristics should be assessed independently.

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05 · OWNERSHIP, OPTIONS, AND SENTIMENT

What other market participants are doing

Options, insider transactions, market sentiment, and activity-pressure signals can confirm or challenge the price story. None should be used alone.

Options positioning

Bullish

NRG shows bullish options pressure with a 58/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.02, expected move of 13.1%, and Sharemaestro trend signal inactive.

CONVICTION	EXPECTED MOVE	PUT/CALL VOLUME
58/100	13.1%	0.02
Options signal conviction.	Nearest-chain pricing.	Contract volume balance.

Pressure	100
Speculation	45
Volatility	64
Trend agreement	0

Insider activity

12 / 8

12 acquisitions and 8 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.
Acquisitions / disposals over the latest 180 days. Insider activity is context, not a stand-alone signal.

News sentiment

54/100

Weighted news tone is neutral across 55 relevant articles.

16 positive · 33 neutral · 6 negative

Patient Capital

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.
No recent buy signal

06 · CATALYSTS AND RISK

What can move the shares—and how volatile the path has been

Event timing, options-implied movement, drawdown, and weekly gains and losses frame the risk around the current setup.

NEXT EARNINGS
5d
Next report is scheduled for 04 Aug 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.

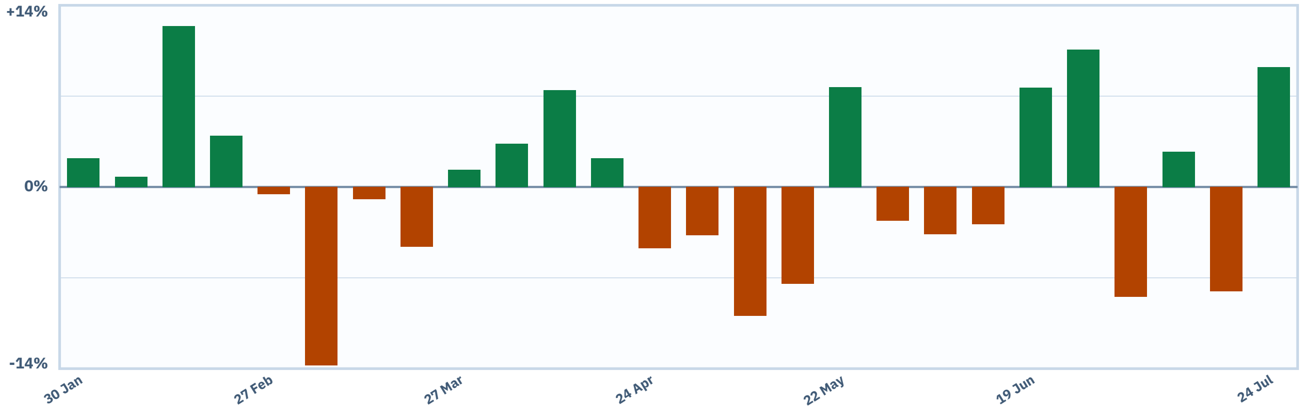
OPTIONS EXPECTED MOVE
13.1%
Nearest-chain priced movement where available.

52-WEEK DRAWDOWN
-25.5%
Distance below the 52-week high.

13-WEEK VOLATILITY
7.1%
Standard deviation of weekly returns.

Weekly gains and losses

Each bar is one completed week. Gains rise above zero; losses fall below it. Taller bars mean a larger move.



WEEKS HIGHER
13 of 26
13 weeks finished lower.

BEST WEEK
+12.4%
Week of 13 Feb.

WORST WEEK
-13.8%
Week of 6 Mar.

LATEST WEEK
+9.2%
Week of 24 Jul.

Shape of recent returns

Strong gains	6
Modest gains	7
Flat weeks	-
Modest losses	6
Sharp losses	7

RECENT VOL
7.1%
13-week weekly-return volatility.

BASE VOL
5.7%
52-week weekly-return volatility.

UP/DOWN SPLIT
26/26
Count of positive and negative weeks in the 52-week window.

AVERAGE SKEW
4.5% / -4.5%
Average positive week versus average negative week.

07 · SECTOR AND PEER CONTEXT

Is this stock leading—or simply moving with its group?

Sector and industry breadth distinguish company-specific strength from a broad group move.

Sector · US Utilities

4-WEEK RANK
84 / 100
Standing within the tracked group.

GROUP AVERAGE
-1.9%
Average four-week return.

TREND BREADTH
53.0%
Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
BIP	NYSE	4.1%	11.7%	Active
CPK	NYSE	1.9%	7.8%	Inactive
CIG-C	NYSE	-0.6%	7.5%	Active
NKLR	NASDAQ	10.0%	6.8%	Inactive
SPH	NYSE	2.4%	6.7%	Inactive

Industry · US Utilities - Independent Power Producers

4-WEEK RANK
5 / 8
Standing within the tracked group.

GROUP AVERAGE
-7.0%
Average four-week return.

TREND BREADTH
37.5%
Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
KEN	NYSE	5.2%	5.3%	Inactive
CEG	NASDAQ	8.7%	3.9%	Inactive
VST	NYSE	5.1%	-0.1%	Inactive
TAC	NYSE	3.5%	-0.6%	Active
NRG	NYSE	9.2%	-5.6%	Inactive

08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA

The underlying research record

Every top-level statement should be traceable to a stored market, fundamental, event, or positioning observation.

Cross-signal evidence matrix

Evidence pillar	Score / read	Summary	Detail
Weekly tape	33/100	Trend, activity pressure, participation, and risk combine to a 33/100 tape read.	
Indicator analysis	9/100	Latest 12-week confirmation: trend 0/12, activity pressure 0/12, relative leadership 0/12.	Activity pressure 0.05; No reversal markers
Next-Week Expectancy	Positive 62.62%	Next-week expectancy is positive with a 62.62% historical one-week setup read.	Adds short-term historical context without overriding trend, activity, or relative leadership.
Factors	9/100	O'Shaughnessy factor stack blends value, quality, momentum, and confidence.	Buyback Yield rank 11
SVQF	0/100	Value and quality alignment from the Sharemaestro SVQF framework.	Composite rank 1010.0 of 1014
Patient Capital	Quiet	Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.	No recent buy signal
Options	51/100	NRG shows bullish options pressure with a 58/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.02, expected move of 13.1%, and Sharemaestro trend signal inactive.	Bullish · Call-side pressure · Expected move 13.1%
Sentiment	54/100	Weighted news tone is neutral across 55 relevant articles.	13,752 Shares in NRG Energy, Inc. $NRG Acquired by Clough Capital Partners L P
Insiders	12 / 8	12 acquisitions and 8 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.	
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Current evidence clusters

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08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA · CONTINUED

Recent completed weeks

The completed weekly bars behind the report provide a compact audit trail for price, trend, Fair Value, activity pressure, leadership, and volume.

Week	Close	Return	Trend Line	Fair Value	Pressure	Leadership	Volume	Trend
24 Jul 2026	141.0 USD	9.2%	148.8 USD	104.9 USD	-0.58	-15.36	11.6M	Off
17 Jul 2026	129.1 USD	-8.1%	149.5 USD	104.3 USD	-0.46	-23.32	10.4M	Off
10 Jul 2026	140.4 USD	2.7%	150.3 USD	103.7 USD	-0.48	-18.37	9.5M	Off
03 Jul 2026	136.7 USD	-8.5%	151.0 USD	103.0 USD	-0.61	-19.82	11.3M	Off
26 Jun 2026	149.4 USD	10.6%	151.8 USD	102.3 USD	-0.76	-11.02	20.7M	Off
19 Jun 2026	135.1 USD	7.6%	152.5 USD	101.6 USD	-1.14	-21.84	9.2M	Off
12 Jun 2026	125.5 USD	-2.9%	153.2 USD	101.0 USD	-1.16	-27.16	12.1M	Off
05 Jun 2026	129.2 USD	-3.6%	154.5 USD	100.4 USD	-1.15	-25.10	11.0M	Off
29 May 2026	134.1 USD	-2.6%	155.9 USD	99.73 USD	-1.06	-24.75	11.0M	Off
22 May 2026	137.7 USD	7.7%	157.2 USD	99.07 USD	-0.83	-22.17	14.1M	Off
15 May 2026	127.8 USD	-7.5%	158.2 USD	98.40 USD	-0.49	-27.62	16.7M	Off
08 May 2026	138.1 USD	-9.9%	159.5 USD	97.78 USD	-0.11	-22.22	15.0M	Off
01 May 2026	153.4 USD	-3.7%	160.2 USD	97.09 USD	0.10	-11.76	10.1M	Off
24 Apr 2026	159.3 USD	-4.7%	160.6 USD	96.30 USD	0.05	-7.42	15.9M	Off

How to use this report

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