#### JONAS HOWARD S

Form 4

March 19, 2012

# FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JONAS HOWARD S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Genie Energy Ltd. [GNE]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O GENIE ENERGY LTD., 520 BROAD STREET		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
		LTD., 520	(Month/Day/Year) 03/16/2012	_X_ Director _X_ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman of the Board			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
NEWARK, NJ 07102				_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	ip) Table	I - Non-De	rivative Se	ecuritie	es Acqu	aired, Disposed o	of, or Benefici	ally Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	sposed	of (i)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	03/16/2012		P	52,000	A	\$ 9.9 (4)	2,195,624 (1)	D	
CLASS B COMMON STOCK							1,438 (2)	I	By 401(k) Plan
CLASS B COMMON STOCK							121,090	I	By Trust FBO Joseph Jonas (3)
							121,090	I	

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CLASS B COMMON STOCK			By Trust FBO Tamar Jonas (3)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	121,090	I	By Trust FBO Rachel Jonas (3)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	121,090	I	By Trust FBO Leora Jonas (3)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	121,090	I	By Trust FBO David Jonas (3)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	121,090	I	By Trust FBO Michael Jonas (3)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	121,090	I	By Trust FBO Samuel Jonas (3)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	121,090	I	By Trust FBO Jonathan Jonas (3)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	76,369	I	By Trust FBO Miriam Jonas (3)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	1,556	I	Custodial for Son (Jonathan)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	1,556	I	Custodial for Daughter (Rachel)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	1,556	I	Custodial for Son (Joseph)
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	1,556	I	Custodial for Daughter (Tamar)
CLASS B COMMON	1,556	I	Custodial for

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STOCK			Daughter (Miriam)			
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	388,716	I	By Howard S. Jonas 2009 Annuity Trust I			
CLASS B COMMON STOCK	1,309,284	I	By Howard S. Jonas 2009 Annuity Trust II			
CLASS A COMMON STOCK	1,476,229	D				
CLASS A COMMON STOCK	98,097	I	By Howard S. Jonas 2009 Annuity Trust I			
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.						
	Persons who respond to the colle	ection of	SEC 1474			

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transact	ionNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)	
	Security				Acquired					
					(A) or					
					Disposed					
					of (D)					
					(Instr. 3,					
					4, and 5)					
									Amount	
									Amount	
						Date	Expiration	Title	or Number	
						Exercisable	Date		of	
				Codo I	(A) (D)				Shares	
				Code V	(A) $(D)$				Shares	

9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr

(9-02)

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JONAS HOWARD S
C/O GENIE ENERGY LTD.
520 BROAD STREET
NEWARK, NJ 07102

Relationships

Chairman of the Board

## **Signatures**

Joyce J. Mason, by Power of Attorney

03/19/2012

\*\*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).
- Includes the following: (a) 608,246 restricted shares of Class B Common Stock that vest on December 31, 2013; (b) 883,333 restricted (1) shares of Class B Common Stock that vest on December 31, 2013; and (c) 55,000 restricted shares of Class B Common Stock that vest as follows: 18,333 shares on each of November 3, 2012 and November 3, 2013 and 18,334 shares on November 3, 2014.
- (2) As of February 29, 2012.
- These shares are held in trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person's children. The Reporting Person's spouse is the trustee of the trust. Mr. Jonas does not exercise or share investment control of these shares.
- The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions ranging from \$9.67 to \$9.99, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Genie Energy, Ltd., any security holder of Genie Energy, Ltd., or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

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