

GREENSTEIN IRA A  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
GREENSTEIN IRA A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O GENIE ENERGY LTD., 550  
BROAD STREET  
(Street)

NEWARK, NJ 07102

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Genie Energy Ltd. [GNE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/07/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share				(A) or (D)	50,673 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Class B Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share				(A) or (D)	1,388 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.85	03/07/2012		D <sup>(3)</sup>	3,556	<sup>(3)</sup> 04/15/2012	Class B Common Stock 3,556
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.85	03/07/2012		A <sup>(3)</sup>	3,556	<sup>(3)</sup> 06/15/2013	Class B Common Stock 3,556

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GREENSTEIN IRA A C/O GENIE ENERGY LTD. 550 BROAD STREET NEWARK, NJ 07102			President	

## Signatures

Joyce J. Mason, by Power of Attorney  
Date: 03/09/2012

\*\*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).

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Consists of 16,583 unvested shares of the Company's Class B Common Restricted Stock and 34,090 shares of the Company's Class B Common Stock held by Mr. Greenstien directly.

(2) As of February 29, 2012.

The two reported transactions involved an amendment of an outstanding option to extend the expiration date, resulting in the deemed

(3) cancellation of the "old" option and the grant of a replacement option. The option was originally granted on November 3, 2011 and vested immediately.

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