FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equily securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

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1. Name and Address	of Reporting Person*		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
Warburg Pincus (E&P) XII LLC			RING ENERGY, INC. [REI]	(Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner				
(Last) C/O WARBUG PI 450 LEXINGTON		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/09/2023	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
(Street) NEW YORK	NY	10017	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	 Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

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)	Transaction Dis Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	08/09/2023		s		12,600,000	D	\$2.06	46,994,853	I	See Footnotes ⁽¹⁾ (2)(3)(4)(5)

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,	4. Transac Code (II 8)				rivative Expiration Date curities (Month/Day/Year) quired (A) Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4		Securities Underlying		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*															

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Explanation of Responses:

1. The reported securities are held directly by Stronghold Energy II Operating LLC ("Stronghold OpCo"). Stronghold Energy II Intermediate, LLC ("Stronghold Intermediate") is the managing member of Stronghold OpCo, and Stronghold Energy II Holdings, LLC ("Stronghold Holdings" and, collectively with Stronghold OpCo and Stronghold Intermediate, the "Stronghold Entities") is the managing member of Stronghold Intermediate. In connection with the closing of the Purchase Agreement, Stronghold OpCo received the right to designate two directors to serve on the Issuer's Board, subject to certain approval rights of the Issuer. One of the designated directors, Roy Ben-Dor, is a managing director of Warburg Pincus & Company US, LLC ("Warburg Pincus").

2. Warburg Pincus is the general partner of Warburg Pincus Partners II (US), L.P., which is the managing member of Warburg Pincus (E&P) Energy LLC and Warburg Pincus (E&P) XII LLC. Warburg Pincus (E&P) Energy LLC is the general partner of Warburg Pincus (E&P) Energy General partner of Warburg Pincus (E&P) Energy General partner of Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) A, L.P., WP Energy Stronghold Holdings, L.P., WP Energy Partners-A, L.P., and Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-B, L.P. Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-A, L.P., and Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-B, L.P. Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-B, L.P. is the managing member of Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-B, L.P. Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-C, L.P., Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-B, L.P. Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-2, L.P., WP XII Stronghold Holdings, L.P., WP XII Stronghold Holdings, L.P., WP XII (E&P) Partners-2, L.P., WP XII (E&P) XI

4. The Warburg Entities collectively hold a majority of the membership interest in Stronghold Holdings. Each of the Stronghold Entities, Warburg Entities and Roy Ben-Dor, (collectively, the "Reporting Persons") directly (whether through ownership or position) or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, may be deemed for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, to be the indirect beneficial owner of some or all of the shares owned by the Stronghold and, therefore, a "ten percent holder" hereunder.

5. Each of the Reporting Persons other than Stronghold OpCo disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of such securities for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purposes.

Remarks:

This report is filed as form 3 of 3 to report related transactions for the following filers: Stronghold Energy II Operating, LLC, Stronghold Energy II Intermediate, LLC, Stronghold Energy II Holdings, LLC, Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P)-A, L.P., WP Energy Stronghold Holdings, L.P., WP Energy Partners-Stronghold Holdings, L.P., Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-B Stronghold, LLC, Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-A, L.P., Warburg Pincus Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-A, L.P., Warburg Pincus L.P., Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-A, L.P., WP XII Stronghold Holdings, L.P., Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-A, L.P., Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-A, L.P., Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-B, L.P., Warburg Pincus (E&P) XII LLC, Warburg Pincus XII (E&P) Partners-2, L.P., Warburg Pincus XII (E&P) Partners-B, L.P., Warburg Pincus Pincus (E&P) XII LLC, Warburg Pincus (E&P) Partners-2, L.P., Warburg Pincus XII (E&P) Partners-B, L.P., Warburg Pincus Pincus (E&P) XII LLC, Warburg Pincus (E&P) Partners-2, L.P., Warburg Pincus (E&P) Partners-1, L.P., Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-B, L.P., Warburg Pincus Pincus (E&P) XII LLC, Warburg Pincus (E&P) Partners-2, L.P., Warburg Pincus (E&P) Partners-1, L.P., Warburg Pincus Energy (E&P) Partners-B, L.P., Warburg Pincus Pincus AII (US), L.P., Warburg Pincus & Company US, LLC, Warburg Pincus (E&P) Energy GP, L.P. and Roy Ben-Dor.

Warburg Pincus (E&P) XII LLC, By: Warburg Pincus & Company, LLC, By: /s/ David Sreter, Authorized Signatory	<u>08/25/2023</u>
Warburg Pincus (E&P) XII, L.P., By: Warburg Pincus & Company US, LLC, By: /s/ David Sreter, Authorized Signatory	<u>08/25/2023</u>
Warburg Pincus XII (E&P) Partners-2, L.P., By: Warburg Pincus & Company US, LLC, By: /s/ David Sreter, Authorized Signatory	<u>08/25/2023</u>
<u>Warburg Pincus XII (E&P)</u> <u>Partners-1, L.P., By: Warburg</u> <u>Pincus & Company US, LLC, By:</u> <u>/s/ David Sreter, Authorized</u> <u>Signatory</u>	<u>08/25/2023</u>
WP XII Stronghold Holdings, L.P., By: Warburg Pincus & Company US, LLC, By: /s/ David Sreter, Authorized Signatory	<u>08/25/2023</u>
<u>WP XII (E&P) Partners (A), L.P.,</u> <u>By: Warburg Pincus & Company</u> <u>US, LLC, By: /s/ David Sreter,</u> <u>Authorized Signatory</u>	<u>08/25/2023</u>
Warburg Pincus Private Equity (E&P) XII-E (A), L.P., By: Warburg Pincus & Company US, LLC, By: /s/ David Sreter, Authorized Signatory	<u>08/25/2023</u>
Warburg Pincus Private Equity (E&P) XII-D (A), L.P., By: Warburg Pincus & Company US, LLC, By: /s/ David Sreter, Authorized Signatory	<u>08/25/2023</u>
Warburg Pincus Private Equity (E&P) XII (A), L.P., By: Warburg	<u>08/25/2023</u>

 Pincus & Company US, LLC, By:

 /s/ David Sreter, Authorized

 Signatory

 Warburg Pincus XII (E&P)

 Partners-2 Stronghold, LLC, By:

 Warburg Pincus & Company US,

 ULC, By: /s/ David Sreter,

 Authorized Signatory.

 ** Signature of Reporting Person

 Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

 * 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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