

NORTHEAST UTILITIES
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
MAY THOMAS J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4

(Street)

SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/17/2012

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, CEO & Trustee

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 10/17/2012 | | M | | 262,400 | A | \$ 18.45 |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 10/17/2012 | | M | | 73,682 | A | \$ 22.57 |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 10/17/2012 | | S | | 336,082 | D | \$ 39.5604 <u>(1)</u> |

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value

Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 10/18/2012 M 188,718 A \$ 22.57 558,454 D

Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 10/18/2012 S 188,718 D \$ 39.5231 (2) 369,736 D

Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 61,190 I 401k Plan

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 Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 18.45 | 10/17/2012 | | M | 262,400 | 04/28/2007 04/28/2014 | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 262,400 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.57 | 10/17/2012 | | M | 73,682 | 06/09/2008 06/09/2015 | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 73,682 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.57 | 10/18/2012 | | M | 188,718 | 06/09/2008 06/09/2015 | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 188,718 |

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|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|-------|
| Phantom Shares | (3) | (3) | (3) | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 818,9 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|-------|

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MAY THOMAS J C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4 SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105 | | | President, CEO & Trustee | |

Signatures

Samuel K. Lee, attorney-in-fact for
Mr. May

10/19/2012

Date

__Signature of Reporting Person

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).
- (1) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$39.50 to \$39.72, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Northeast Utilities, any security holder of Northeast Utilities, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnotes (1) and (2) to this Form 4.
- (2) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$39.50 to \$39.58, inclusive.
- (3) Phantom shares held in the NSTAR Deferred Compensation Plan. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one Common Share upon a distribution event, following vesting. Additional phantom shares are issued upon the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents exempt from the line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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