

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)  
03/19/2013

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)  
 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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	03/19/2013		M		262,400	A	\$ 21.14
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	03/19/2013		S		76,386	D	\$ 42.3236 (2)
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	03/20/2013		S		186,014	D	\$ 294,286 (1) 42.7263 (3)

value

Common  
Shares,  
\$5.00 par  
value

62,364 <sup>(4)</sup> 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)	\$ 21.14	03/19/2013		M	262,400	04/27/2009 04/27/2016		Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	262,400
Phantom Shares	<sup>(5)</sup>					<sup>(5)</sup> <sup>(5)</sup>		Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	826,100 <sup>(5)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Richard J Morrison, attorney-in-fact for Mr. May 03/21/2013

\_\_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).

(1) Includes shares and restricted share units.

The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$42.23 to \$42.47, 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 the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.

(2)

The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$42.63 to \$42.96, 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 the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.

(3)

(4) Shares held in trust under the NSTAR 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the plan's record keeper.

Phantom shares held in the NSTAR Deferred Compensation Plan. Each phantom share represents the right to receive one common share upon distribution, following vesting. The reporting person is eligible to receive dividend equivalents on outstanding phantom shares, exempt from the line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

(5)

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