

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
MAY THOMAS J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUIDLING 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)  
03/05/2013

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 and 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 | 12/20/2012                           |  | G                              |   | 100,000 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  | \$ 0                                       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 294,286 <sup>(2)</sup>                     |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 12/20/2012                           |  | G                              |   | 100,000 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A  | \$ 0                                       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 100,000                                    |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par       | 03/05/2013                           |  | S                              |   | 100,000   | D  | \$ 0                                       |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 42.1171 <sup>(3)</sup>                     |



## Explanation of Responses:

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(1) Represents common shares held by a limited liability company (the "LLC"), of which the reporting person was a member. On December 20, 2012, the reporting person transferred membership interests of the LLC to his spouse and a family trust, of which the reporting person's spouse is a trustee for the benefit of certain members of the reporting person's family. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(2) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.

(3) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$42.42 to \$42.71, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Northeast Utilities, any security holder of Northeast Utilities, or the staff of the Securities Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.

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

(5) 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 the outstanding phantom shares, exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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