LaVecchia Jean M Form 4 May 13, 2011

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Instr. 4)

401k Plan

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * LaVecchia Jean M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Check all application)			**			
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET			(Month/Day/Year) 05/11/2011			DirectorX Officer (given below) VP-1	ve title 0th below) Human Resource	er (specify	
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
BERLIN, CT		Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	I - Non-De	erivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities on Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 4)

Following

(A)

Price

Code V Amount (D)

Common

Shares, 05/11/2011 V 1,150 D \$0 $28,062 \frac{(1)}{}$ D \$5.00 par

value

Common Shares, $2,653 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$ Ι \$5.00 par

value

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	2.	3. Transaction Date		4.	5.	6. Date Exer		7. Title and A		
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if			Expiration Date		Underlying Securities		Derivative
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	3	Year)	(Instr. 3 and	4)	Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Shares	(3)					(3)	(3)	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	513 (3)	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LaVecchia Jean M C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037

VP-Human Resources

Signatures

Jean M.

LaVecchia 05/13/2011

**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 restricted share units and reinvested dividend equivalents thereon.
- (2) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401K Plan, a qualified plan, as of May 11, 2011, according to information provided by the Plan's record keeper.
- (3) The reporting person holds phantom NU common shares under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan (the DCP), made as a matching contributions under the DCP. Each phantom share represents

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the right to receive the cash value of one NU common share upon a distribution event, following vesting. Additional phantom shares are issued upon the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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