

LaVecchia Jean M  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
LaVecchia Jean M

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET

01/31/2012

VP-Human Resources

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BERLIN, CT 06037

(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)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	02/16/2012		A	2,959	A \$ 0 31,236 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	02/16/2012		A	2,302 <sup>(2)</sup>	A \$ 0 33,538 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value					2,820 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	401k Plan

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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)	8. Price or Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Shares	(4)	01/31/2012	(4)	A	(4) 52	(4)	(4)	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	52	\$ 0

## 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    02/21/2012

\_\_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) Grant of restricted share units under the 2012 - 2014 Long Term Incentive Plan.

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- (3) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.

Matching contribution of reporting person's deferred compensation under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for

- (4) Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, that are nominally invested as Common Shares. Each phantom share represents 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 the line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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