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(Print or Type Responses)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2009					Director 10% Owner Selfow) UP Human Resources		
			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-l	Derivative	Secui	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	f 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date		ned 3. 4. Securities Acquired n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)			
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	12/16/2009			Code V	2,680 (1)		Price \$ 21.03	(Instr. 3 and 4) 29,859 (2)	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	12/16/2009			S	2,680	D	\$ 26	27,179 (2) (3)	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par	12/17/2009			M	1,820 (1)	A	\$ 21.03	28,999 (2)	D	

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Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	12/17/2009	S	1,820	D	\$ 26	27,179 (2) (3)	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	12/17/2009	M	4,500 (1)	A	\$ 21.03	31,679 (2)	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	12/17/2009	S	4,500	D	\$ 26	27,179 (2) (3)	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value						2,284 (4)	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. 5. Number Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.03	12/16/2009		M	2,680	<u>(1)</u>	02/27/2011	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	2,680
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.03	12/17/2009		M	1,820	(1)	02/27/2011	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	1,820

Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.03	12/17/2009	M	4,500	<u>(1)</u>	02/27/2001	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	4,500
Phantom Shares	<u>(5)</u>				(5)	(5)	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	0 (5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
- 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
LaVecchia Jean M								
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES			VP Human					
107 SELDEN STREET			Resources					

Signatures

BERLIN, CT 06037

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LaVecchia 12/18/2009

**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).
- The vested options exercised to purchase 9,000 Northeast Utilities Common Shares at \$21.03 in separate exercises of 2,680, 1,820 and (1) 4,500, were granted on February 27, 2001. The options exercised and consequent sales of Common Shares were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Ms. LaVecchia on May 13, 2009.
- (2) Includes restricted share units and reinvested dividend equivalents.
- (3) Sale in connection with cashless exercise of stock options.
- (4) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of December 17, 2009, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper.
- The reporting person holds phantom shares of NU common under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan (the DCP), made as matching contributions under the DCP. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one share of NU common 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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