

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**

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(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)  
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/25/2009

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

VP Human Resources

(Street)  
BERLIN, CT 06037

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 08/25/2009                           |  | M                              | 8,900 (1)   | A \$ 18.58  | 35,923 (2)   | D                                 |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 08/25/2009                           |  | S                              | 8,900   | D \$ 24.5   | 27,023 (2) (3)   | D                                 |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 2,209 (4)  | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 18.58   | 08/25/2009                           |  | M                              | 8,900   | (1) 02/25/2012   | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value                               | 8,900                         |
| Phantom Shares                             | (5)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) (5)  | Common Shares, \$5.00 Par Value                               | 0 (5)                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                    |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer            | Other |
| LaVecchia Jean M<br>C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES<br>107 SELDEN STREET<br>BERLIN, CT 06037 |               |           | VP Human Resources |       |

## Signatures

Jean M.  
LaVecchia 08/27/2009

\*\*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).

- (1) The options exercised to purchase 8,900 Northeast Utilities common shares at \$18.58 were granted on February 25, 2002 and vested in thirds on February 25, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- (2) Includes restricted share units and reinvested dividend equivalents; in addition Ms. LaVecchia also directly holds 9,000 stock options to purchase Northeast Utilities common shares, previously reported on Form 3.
- (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 August 25, 2009, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper.

(5) 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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