SWOPE JOHN F Form 4

November 15, 2011

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **SWOPE JOHN F**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O NORTHEAST

UTILITIES, ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4

(Month/Day/Year)

11/11/2011

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

Trustee

(Street)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivativo	e Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi oror Dispo (Instr. 3,	sed of	` '	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	11/11/2011		M	2,500	A	\$ 18.45	47,572 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	11/11/2011		S	1,321	D	\$ 34.9824	46,251 <u>(1)</u>	D	

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number coof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.45	11/11/2011		M	2,500	02/26/2003(2)	02/26/2012	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SWOPE JOHN F C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4 SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

Trustee

Signatures

John F. Swope, By: O. Kay

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**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) Mr. Swope's total beneficial ownership includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon, receipt of which has been deferred, and shares and dividends thereon, receipt of which has been deferred.
- (2) The options exercised to purchase 2,500 Common Shares were granted on February 26, 2002 and vested 50% on that date and 50% on February 26, 2003.

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Reporting Owners 2

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