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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

PATRICELLI ROBERT E

Symbol NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107

(Month/Day/Year)

10% Owner X_ Other (specify Officer (give title below)

SELDEN STREET

04/10/2008

below) Trustee

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

BERLIN, CT 06037

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) 5. Amount of Transaction Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

Reported

7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

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

(Instr. 4)

Common Shares.

\$5.00 par value

04/10/2008

M

Code V Amount (D)

(A)

33,861 ⁽²⁾

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 out 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.3125	04/10/2008		M	2,500	05/12/1999(1)	05/12/2008	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	2,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PATRICELLI ROBERT E C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037

Trustee

Signatures

Robert E. Patricelli, By: O. Kay Comendul/POA

04/11/2008

**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 2,500 Common Shares were granted on May 12, 1998 and vested 50% on that date and 50% on May 12, 1999.
- (2) Mr. Patricelli's total includes restricted share units receipt of which had been deferred, and dividend equivalents thereon.

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