

MORRIS MICHAEL G  
 Form 4  
 February 27, 2003

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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

**FORM 4**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>Morris, Michael G.</b><br>(Last) (First) (Middle) |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>NORTHEAST UTILITIES (NU)</b> |   | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director* <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><b>Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer</b><br><b>*Trustee</b> |  |   |
| c/o Northeast Utilities<br>107 Selden Street<br>(Street)   |  |   | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)  | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br><b>2/25/2003</b>             | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person<br><br>(City) (State) (Zip)   |  |   |
| Berlin, CT 06037   |  |   |  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)              | <b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>  |  |   |
| 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 & 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)   | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)<br><br>Code |



Common Shares, \$5 par value

2/25/2003

F

2,571 shs  
See Note 3

D

\$14.14

Common Shares, \$5 par value

2/25/2003

A

75,000 shs  
See Note 4

A

\$14.14

144,912 shs

D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) |                   | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |       | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) |  | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A) | (D)   | Date Exer-cisable | Expira-tion Date   | Title | Amount or Number of Shares                                  |  |  |  |  |   |
| Options to Purchase                        |  |                                      |  |                                |   |     |   |                   |  |       |   |  |  | 1,673,526  | D  |   |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   |     |   |                   |  |       |   |  |  |  |  |   |
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Explanation of Responses:

Note 1. Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of February 21, 2003, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.

Note 2. Shares receipt of which has been deferred pursuant to the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, as of February 21, 2003, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.

Note 3. Disposition of restricted shares to satisfy tax obligation upon vesting.

Note 4. Grant of restricted stock units, vesting one-fourth on each of 2/25/2004, 2/25/2005, 2/25/2006, and 2/25/2007.

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/s/ Michael G. Morris  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

February 26, 2003  
Date

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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