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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SHIVERY CHARLES W Issuer Symbol NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 03/01/2005 below) below) SELDEN STREET Chairman of Bd., Pres. & CEO / & Trustee (Street) 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 **BERLIN, CT 06037** Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqı	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or		of (D) 5)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Directly Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Shares, \$5 par value			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	650 <u>(1)</u>	I	By 401(k) Plan Trustee
Common Shares, \$5 par value							2,103 (2)	I	Deferred Comp. Plan
Common Shares, \$5 par value	03/01/2005		A	41,799 (3)	A	\$ 18.84	110,362 (4)	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9.
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration Date		Amount of	Derivative	D	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Unde	rlying	Security	Se
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHIVERY CHARLES W C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037

Chairman of Bd., Pres. & CEO

& Trustee

Signatures

/s/ Charles W. 03/02/2005 Shivery

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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).
- Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of March 1, 2005, according to (1) information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.
- Shares (including reinvested dividends) receipt of which has been deferred pursuant to the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation **(2)** Plan for Executives, as of March 1, 2005, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.
- Grant of restricted share units which vest equally on February 25, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and will be paid half on vesting and half four (3)years after vesting.

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Includes restricted shares and restricted share units; in addition, the reporting person also directly holds 29,024 stock options to purchase common shares, previously reported on Form 4.

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