DE SIMONE LAWRENCE E

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

| 1.1 | Name | and A | ddress | of Re | porting | Person |
|-----|-------|------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| DF | E SIN | ION | ELA | WRF | NCE | E |

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]

(Check all applicable)

President - Competitive Grp.

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

03/01/2005

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

below)

Other (specify

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET

(State)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

BERLIN, CT 06037

(City)

| | | 140 | able 1 Troit Bettvative Securities required, Disposed of, of Beneficiary Owned | | | | | | | |
|------------|---------------------|--------------------|--|--------------|---------|--------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securiti | ies Acc | quired | 5. Amount of | 6. | 7. Nature of | |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) | | | | Securities | Ownership | Indirect | |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 | and 5 |) | Beneficially | Form: Direct | Beneficial | |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | (D) or | Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | Following | Indirect (I) | (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Reported | (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | | |
| | | | C = V | A | or | ъ. | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| ~ | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | | | | |
| Common | | | | | | | | | | |

Shares, \$5

03/01/2005 par value

16,073 A (1)

18.84

16,073

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)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | | | ate | 7. Title Amoun Under | int of lying ities | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| | Derivative Security | | | | Securities Acquired | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or Disposed | | | | | | Repo Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | 4, and 3) | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | or Number of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DE SIMONE LAWRENCE E C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037

President - Competitive Grp.

Signatures

/s/ Lawrence E.
DeSimone
03/03/2005

**Signature of Reporting 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) Grant of restricted share units which vest equally on February 26, 2006, 2007 and 2008 and will be paid half on vesting and half four years after vesting.

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