

LaVecchia Jean M
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
LaVecchia Jean M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/31/2012

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

VP-Human Resources

(Street)
BERLIN, CT 06037

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 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 and 5) | 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 | 02/16/2012 | | A | 2,959 | A \$ 0 31,236 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/16/2012 | | A | 2,302 ⁽²⁾ | A \$ 0 33,538 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | | | | | 2,820 ⁽³⁾ | I | 401k Plan |

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- (3) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.

Matching contribution of reporting person's deferred compensation under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for

- (4) Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, that are nominally invested as Common Shares. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one NU Common share upon a distribution event, following vesting. Additional phantom shares are issued upon the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents exempt from the line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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