

EVERSOURCE ENERGY  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BUTLER GREGORY B**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY, 56  
PROSPECT STREET

(Street)

HARTFORD, CT 06103

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**EVERSOURCE ENERGY [ES]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/19/2016**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Sr VP and General Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/19/2016                           |  | F                              | 1,150 (1) D   | \$ 53.51  | 76,313 (2)   | D                                 |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/19/2016                           |  | F                              | 1,050 (1) D   | \$ 53.51  | 75,263 (2)   | D                                 |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/19/2016                           |  | F                              | 815 (1) D   | \$ 53.51  | 74,448 (2)   | D                                 |

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|---------------------------------|------------|---|---------------------|---|----------|-------------------|---|------------------------|
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/22/2016 | F | 5,598<br><u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 54.67 | 68,849 <u>(2)</u> | D |                        |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value |            |   |                     |   |          | 5,156 <u>(3)</u>  | I | By 401(k) Plan Trustee |

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V (A) (D)   |  |                            |
| Phantom Shares                             | <u>(4)</u>   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(4)</u>   | <u>(4)</u>  | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value            | 212 <u>(4)</u>             |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| BUTLER GREGORY B<br>C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY<br>56 PROSPECT STREET<br>HARTFORD, CT 06103 |               |           | Sr VP and General Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Kerry J. Tomasevich, attorney-in-fact for Mr.  
Butler

02/23/2016

\_\_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) Disposition of common shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Includes 53,236 shares held jointly with spouse, restricted share units, and dividend equivalents thereon.
- (3) Shares held in trust under the Eversource 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper.

- Reporting Person's deferred compensation under the Eversource Deferred Compensation Plan, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, that is nominally invested as common shares. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one Eversource Energy common share upon a distribution event, following vesting. Additional phantom shares are issued upon the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.
- (4)

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