

SHIVERY CHARLES W

Form 4

March 19, 2012

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SHIVERY CHARLES W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 56
PROSPECT STREET

(Street)

HARTFORD, CT 06103

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]

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

03/15/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____X____ Other (specify
below) below)
Chrmn of Bd, President & CEO / Trustee

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

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	03/15/2012		F	15,192 (1)	D \$ 36.74 614,686 (2)	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	03/16/2012		M	29,024 (3)	A \$ 18.9 643,710 (2)	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	03/16/2012		S	29,024	D \$ 36.397 614,686 (2)	D	

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Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	2,276 ⁽⁵⁾	I	By 401(k) Plan Trustee
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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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.9	03/16/2012		M	29,024 (3)	06/11/2003	06/11/2012	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	29,024
Phantom Shares	(6)					(6)	(6)	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	9,638 (6)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SHIVERY CHARLES W C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES 56 PROSPECT STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103	Chrmn of Bd, President & CEO Trustee

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey C. Miller, authorized signatory for Mr. Shivery	03/19/2012
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__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 performance shares under the 2009 - 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan, previously reported on February 17, 2012, to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon. In addition, of the total owned, the reporting person holds 1,500 of these shares jointly with his spouse.
- (3) The options exercised to purchase 29,024 common shares were granted on June 11, 2002, and were vested and approaching expiration on June 11, 2012.
- The transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$36.39 to \$36.431. The price reported above reflects the weighted
- (4) average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (5) 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 contributions on reporting person's deferred compensation contributions under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, that are nominally invested as common shares. Each phantom share
- (6) represents the right to receive 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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