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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 5 obligations may continue.

See Instruction

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1(b).

par value

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * STACK JOHN P		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last)	(First) (M	liddle)	3. Date of	Earliest Tra	nsaction			(Check all applicable)				
NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET		(Month/Day/Year) 02/25/2005					Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President and Controller					
(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)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) of (E) 4 and (A) or	0) 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 par value								933 (1)	I	By 401k Plan Trustee		
Common Shares, \$5 par value	02/25/2005			A	677 (2)	A	<u>(2)</u>	11,646 (2)	D			
Common Shares, \$5	02/25/2005			D	532 (3)	D	<u>(3)</u>	11,114 (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. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amoun	it of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securit	ies	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	-				(A) or						Repo
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					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or N		
						Exercisable	Date	Title Number			
				C 1 W	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

STACK JOHN P NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037

Vice President and Controller

Signatures

/s/ John P. Stack 03/01/2005

**Signature of Person Date

**Beginster of 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) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of February 25, 2005, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.
- (2) Shares acquired through various purchases under the Northeast Utilities Employee Share Purchase Plan II, a Section 423(b) plan and additional restricted share units posted as a result of a dividend reinvestment since last reporting.
- (3) Disposition of restricted shares and restricted share units to the issuer upon vesting to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (4) Includes restricted shares and restricted share units. In addition, the reporting person also directly holds 12,415 options to purchase common shares.

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