

BUTLER GREGORY B
Form 5
February 13, 2003

FORM 5 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Butler Gregory B.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHEAST UTILITIES (NU)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year 12/2002
c/o Northeast Utilities 107 Selden Street (Street)				
Berlin,	CT	06037		5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
				7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 & 5)		
5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at the end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 & 4)		
6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)Amount(A) or (D)		
	Price	
	Common Shares, \$5 par value	
		1,315 shs See Note 1
	I	
	By 401k Plan trustee	
	Common Shares, \$5 par value	
	2/23/2002	
	F	279 shs
	A	
		\$18.60

5,670 shs

D

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* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

FORM 5 (continued) 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 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year (Instr. 4)	10. s F D S D o I (
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Options to Purchase												45,516	

Explanation of Responses:

Note 1. Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of December 31, 2002, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.

/s/ **Gregory B. Butler**

**Signature of Reporting Person

February 12, 2003

Date

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.