

PATRICELLI ROBERT E  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 PATRICELLI ROBERT E

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, ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/02/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Trustee

(Street)  
 SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_X\_ 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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	12/02/2010		M	(1)	2,500	A	\$ 18.45 49,297 D
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	12/02/2010		S		100	D	\$ 31.75 49,197 D
Common Shares, \$5.00 par	12/02/2010		S		2,400	D	\$ 31.7535 46,797 D

value

Common Shares, \$5.00 par value  
 12/02/2010 M 2,500<sup>(2)</sup> A \$ 21.03 49,297 D

Common Shares, \$5.00 par value  
 12/02/2010 S 2,500 D \$ 31.7535 46,797<sup>(3)</sup> 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 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)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.45	12/02/2010		M	2,500	02/26/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/26/2012	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 2,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.03	12/02/2010		M	2,500	02/27/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/27/2011	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 2,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

PATRICELLI ROBERT E  
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4  
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

Trustee

## Signatures

Robert E. Patricelli, By: O. Kay  
Comendul/POA

12/06/2010

\_\_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) The options exercised to purchase 2,500 Common Shares were granted on February 26, 2002 and vested 50% on that date and 50% on February 26, 2003.
  - (2) The options exercised to purchase 2,500 Common Shares were granted on February 27, 2001 and vested 50% on that date and 50% on February 27, 2002.
  - (3) Mr. Patricelli's total includes unvested restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.

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