

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 5  
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# FORM 5

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## ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CLOUD SANFORD JR  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]  
  
3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
12/31/2004

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Trustee

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET  
  
(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
  
(check applicable line)

BERLIN, CT 06037  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (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)  | Amount or Price  |  |   |
| Common Shares, \$5 par value    | 12/31/2004                           |  | A                              | 202 (1) A   | \$ 18.85   | 21,409 (1) 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Price of Underlying Security (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                | (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   | Amount or Number of Shares                 |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |         |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|---------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other   |
| CLOUD SANFORD JR<br>C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES<br>107 SELDEN STREET<br>BERLIN, CT 06037 | Â             | Â         | Â       | Trustee |

## Signatures

/s/ Sanford Cloud, Jr., By: O. Kay  
Comendul/POA  
02/14/2005

\_\_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).
- Includes restricted share units, shares receipt of which has been deferred, and reinvested dividend equivalents thereon. Mr. Cloud also
- (1) beneficially owns 7,500 options to purchase Northeast Utilities Common Shares, the acquisition of which was previously reported on Form 4.

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