

LaVecchia Jean M  
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 \*  
LaVecchia Jean M

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, 107 SELDEN STREET  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/10/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP-Human Resources

BERLIN, CT 06037

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

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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	02/10/2009		A		2,656 <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 23.74	28,371 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value						2,018 <sup>(3)</sup>	I 401K Plan

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)
Phantom Shares <sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>			Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable <sup>(4)</sup> Expiration Date <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Shares \$5 par value	0 <sup>(4)</sup>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LaVecchia Jean M C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037			VP-Human Resources	

## Signatures

Jean M.  
LaVecchia 02/11/2009  
 \*\*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) Grant of restricted shares units which vest in equal portions on February 25, 2010, 2011 and 2012. Restricted share units are distributable in Northeast Utilities common shares on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Includes restricted share units and reinvested dividend equivalents. In addition, the reporting person directly owns 22,900 stock options to purchase Northeast Utilities common shares.
- (3) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of February 10, 2009, according to information supplied by the plan's record keeper.

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- (4) The reporting person holds phantom shares of NU common under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan (the DCP), made as matching contributions under the DCP. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one share of NU common upon a distribution event. Additional shares are issued from the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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