

DE PLANQUE E GAIL
Form 4
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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DE PLANQUE E GAIL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4

(Street)

SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/19/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___X___ Other (specify below)
Trustee

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (D) | Price | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 11/19/2009 | | M | | 2,500 (1) | \$ 18.4375 | 30,901 (2) D |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 11/19/2009 | | S | | 2,500 | \$ 23.94 | 28,401 (2) 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.4375 | 11/19/2009 | | M | 2,500 | 02/22/2001 ⁽¹⁾ 02/22/2010 | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 2,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DE PLANQUE E GAIL C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4 SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105 | | | | Trustee |

Signatures

E. Gail de Planque, By: O. Kay
Comendul/POA 11/20/2009

**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).

The options exercised to purchase 2,500 Common Shares were granted on February 22, 2000 and vested 50% on that date and 50% on February 22, 2001. The option exercised and sale reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Dr. de Planque.

(2) Dr. de Planque's total includes restricted share units receipt of which has been deferred, and dividend equivalents thereon. Dr. de Planque also beneficially owns 5,000 vested options to purchase Common Shares, the ownership of which was previously reported on Form 4.

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