

CLEVELAND COTTON M

Form 4

January 04, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
CLEVELAND COTTON 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)

NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107
SELDEN STREET

(Street)

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

01/03/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title ____X____ Other (specify
below) below)
Trustee

BERLIN, CT 06037

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)	
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares, \$5 par value	01/03/2005		A		3,000 (1)	A (1)	15,251 (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)**

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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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CLEVELAND COTTON M NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037				Trustee

Signatures

/s/ Cotton M. Cleveland, by; O. Kay
Comendul/POA

01/04/2005

__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).

(1) Restricted share units vesting on 1/10/2006, half of which are payable in January 2006 and half in January 2010 except that receipt thereof has been further deferred.

Includes restricted share units receipt of which has been deferred, shares receipt of which has been deferred and dividend equivalents thereon. Mrs. Cleveland also beneficially owns 12,500 options to purchase common shares and indirectly beneficially owns 1,416 common shares held in an IRA, the ownership of which was previously reported on Form 4.

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