

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

Form 5

February 14, 2005

FORM 5**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
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5 obligations
may continue.See Instruction
1(b).Form 3 Holdings
Reported

Form 4

Transactions

Reported

**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

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response... 1.01. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BUTLER GREGORY B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107
SELDEN STREET**

(Street)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended

(Month/Day/Year)

12/31/20044. 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) ☐ Other (specify below)

Sr. VP, Secy. & Gen. Counsel

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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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 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)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares, \$5 par value	02/10/2005	Â	A	275	A	\$ <u>(1)</u>	1,990 <u>(1)</u>	I	By 401k Trustee
Common Shares, \$5 par value	01/24/2005	Â	A	158	A	\$ <u>(1)</u>	158	I	Deferred Comp. Plan
Common Shares, \$5 par value	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	26,171 <u>(2)</u>	D	Â

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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 or Amount of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)
Options to Purchase	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (A) Â (D)	Â (3) Â (3)	NU Common Shares, \$5 par	29,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BUTLER GREGORY B NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN,Â CTÂ 06037	Â Â Â Sr. VP, Secy. & Gen. Counsel Â

Signatures

/s/ Gregory B. Butler 02/11/2005

 **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) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of February 10, 2005, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.
- (2) Includes restricted shares and restricted stock units.
- (3) Includes options previously reported on Form 4.

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