

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
Carmody Christine M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 300  
CADWELL DRIVE

(Street)

SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

08/25/2014

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) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

SVP - Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 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	08/25/2014		M		9,840	A	\$ 28.12
					70,507 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	08/25/2014		M		8,868	A	\$ 25.93
					79,375 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	08/25/2014		M		15,744	A	\$ 26.9
					95,119 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	08/25/2014	S	34,452	D	\$ 45.3364 <u>(2)</u>	60,667 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value						6,448 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	401k

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.12	08/25/2014		M	9,840	05/03/2010 05/03/2017	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 9,840
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.93	08/25/2014		M	8,868	01/22/2012 01/22/2019	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 8,868
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.9	08/25/2014		M	15,744	04/10/2012 01/28/2020	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 15,744
Phantom Shares	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value 17,926 <u>(4)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carmody Christine M C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES 300 CADWELL DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104			SVP - Human Resources	

## Signatures

/s/ Kerry J. Tomasevich, attorney-in-fact for Ms. Carmody	08/27/2014
**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) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.  
The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$45.27 to \$45.42, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Northeast Utilities, any security holder of Northeast Utilities, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.
  - (3) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper.  
Reporting Person's deferred compensation under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, that is nominally invested as common shares. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one NU common share upon a distribution event, following vesting. Additional phantom shares are issued upon the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.
  - (4)

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