

EVERSOURCE ENERGY  
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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 \*  
MAY THOMAS J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY, 300  
CADWELL DRIVE

(Street)

SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EVERSOURCE ENERGY [ES]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/05/2016

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)

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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)
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	10/05/2016		M	(A) <u>1</u> 883,770 (1)	1,201,426 (2)	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	10/05/2016		F	(D) \$ 52.56 321,928 (3)	879,498 (2)	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value					70,678 (4)	I	401k Plan

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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Shares	<u>(1)</u>	10/05/2016		M	883,770 <u>(5)</u>	<u>(5)</u> <u>(5)</u>	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	883,770

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

MAY THOMAS J  
C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY  
300 CADWELL DRIVE  
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104

Chrmn of the Board & Trustee

## Signatures

/s/ Richard J Morrison, attorney-in-fact for  
Mr. May

10/07/2016

\_\_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) These shares constitute equity compensation earned by Mr. May as an executive employee over the period 1997 - 2005, the receipt of which was deferred by Mr. May pursuant to the registrant's non-qualified deferred compensation plan. This equity compensation has been disclosed in the registrant's proxy statements and reported on previously filed Forms 4. The shares are being distributed in accordance with the terms of the plan, which requires timely distribution and receipt at the beginning of the first quarter following retirement, except as required by IRS 409A regulations. This line discloses the acquisition by conversion of the previously reported deferred equity compensation, in the form of common share stock equivalents (phantom shares), which had a total cost to the registrant and value at award to Mr. May of approximately \$7.5 million. The distribution of shares had no further impact on compensation expense to the registrant. The value of such shares has increased substantially

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through stock price appreciation that took place during the term of Mr. May's leadership and also through the accumulation of additional shares through dividend reinvestment. Each stock equivalent phantom share was settled for and represented the economic equivalent of one Eversource common share.

- (2) Includes the converted stock equivalent phantom shares noted in line 1, column 4, shares held in brokerage accounts, deferred shares awarded in July, 2016 as equity compensation for service as Chairman of the Board following Mr. May's retirement on June 30, 2016, and dividend equivalents thereon.
- (3) Withholding by the registrant of common shares to satisfy current Federal and state tax withholding applicable to the conversion and distribution of deferred stock equivalent phantom shares. Because the receipt of the shares was deferred, tax withholding obligations arise upon their receipt by Mr. May as actual common shares. No proceeds of the disposition of shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations will be paid to Mr. May.
- (4) Shares held in trust under the Eversource 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper.
- (5) Represents the disposition by conversion of the same deferred stock equivalent phantom shares disclosed as acquired common shares in Table I. Each share represents the right to receive one Eversource common share upon a distribution event. Additional phantom shares are issued upon the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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