

NORTHEAST UTILITIES
Form 5
February 14, 2005

FORM 5

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GRISE CHERYL W

(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)
12/31/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
below) below)
President - Utility Group

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

BERLIN, CT 06037

____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 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)
				(A) or (D) Amount Price			
Common Shares, \$5 par value	02/10/2005	Â	A	324 A \$ (1)	3,820 (1)	I	By 401k Trustee
Common Shares, \$5 par value	01/24/2005	Â	A	475 A \$ 18.89	3,820 (2)	I	Deferred Comp. Plan
Common Shares, \$5 par value	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â	73,932 (3)	D	Â

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Common Shares, \$5 par value By spouse as custodian

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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. Pr Deri Secur (Inst
Options to Purchase					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares	
							NU Common Shares, \$5 par vlaue	171,228

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
GRISE CHERYL W NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037	President - Utility Group

Signatures

/s/ Cheryl W. Grise 02/14/2005

Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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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) Shares (including reinvested dividends) receipt of which has been deferred pursuant to the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, as of February 10, 2005, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.
- (3) Includes restricted shares and restricted share units.
- (4) Includes options previously reported on Form 4.

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