

NORTHEAST UTILITIES
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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 *
SHIVERY CHARLES W

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)
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/14/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chair. of Bd., Pres. & CEO / & Trustee

BERLIN, CT 06037

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Shares, \$5 par value					858 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401k Plan Trustee
Common Shares, \$5 par value					3,143 ⁽²⁾	I	Deferred Comp. Plan
Common Shares, \$5 par value	02/14/2006		A	78,987 ⁽³⁾	A \$ 19.94	D	
					192,931 ⁽⁴⁾		

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)

Table with 10 columns: 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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5), 10. Reporting Person's Title (Instr. 5).

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Entry: SHIVERY CHARLES W, C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET, BERLIN, CT 06037. Relationships: Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other (Chair. of Bd., Pres. & CEO & Trustee).

Signatures

/s/ Charles W. Shivery 02/16/2006

**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 14, 2006, 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 14, 2006, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.
(3) Grant of restricted share units which vest in equal portions on February 25, 2007, 2008 and 2009, payment on all of which is delayed until retirement.
(4)

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Includes restricted shares and restricted share units; in addition, the reporting person also directly holds 29,024 stock options to purchase common shares, previously reported on Form 4.

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