

PAYNE SHIRLEY M
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FORM 4

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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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PAYNE SHIRLEY M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET

(Street)

BERLIN, CT 06037

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/31/2008

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)

VP-Accounting and Controller

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	01/31/2008		A	124 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 29.71	I	Deferred Compensation Plan
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value					4,275 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value					92 ⁽³⁾	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)

Table with 9 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities, 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities, 8. Price of Derivative Security, 9. Number of Derivative Securities. Includes sub-headers for Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, and Title Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Relationship categories include Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other. Example: PAYNE SHIRLEY M, C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET, BERLIN, CT 06037, VP-Accounting and Controller.

Signatures

Signature: Shirley M. Payne, Date: 02/04/2008. Legend: **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) Employer matching contributions under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, as of 1/31/2008. Share price average is \$29.71. Actual price is determined on the applicable payroll date.
(2) Represents restricted share units and reinvested dividend equivalents.
(3) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of 1/31/2008, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.

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