

DiStasio James S
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
 DiStasio James S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4

(Street)

SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/17/2012

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) ___X___ Other (specify below)
 Trustee

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 X Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 07/17/2012 | | A | | 1,434 (1) | A | \$ 0 1,434 D |

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Phantom Shares | (2) | | | | | (2) (2) | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 7,842 (2) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| DiStasio James S C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4 SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105 | | | | Trustee |

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey C. Miller, attorney-in-fact for James S. DiStasio

07/19/2012

__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).

Restricted share units all of which vest on January 10, 2013, unless the Reporting Person's service as a Trustee terminates for any reason other than cause on a date prior to January 10, 2013, in which case the RSUs will vest (i) in their entirety for Trustees age 65 and over on (1) such date, or (ii) prorated for service as a Trustee in the nine months preceding January 10, 2013 for any person who ceases to be Trustee prior to attaining the age of 65 on such date (and the balance of the unvested RSUs will be forfeited). The RSUs will be forfeited if the Reporting Person's service as a Trustee terminates for cause.

(2) Reporting Person's deferred compensation under the NSTAR Trustee Deferred Plan, a non-qualified 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 the line item reporting under SEC rule 16a-11

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