

EVERSOURCE ENERGY
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
VAN FAASEN WILLIAM C

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY, 300
CADWELL DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/15/2016

____ Director
____ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Trustee

(Street)
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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 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 | 01/15/2016 | | A | | 2,637 (1) | A | \$ 0 11,385 (2) 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 | (3) | | | | | (3) (3) | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 29,646 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| VAN FAASEN WILLIAM C C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY 300 CADWELL DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104 | | | Trustee | |

Signatures

/s/ Kerry J. Tomasevich, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Van Faasen

01/20/2016

__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) Restricted share units that vested on January 19, 2016, receipt of the underlying shares has been deferred. Distribution will be made on a one-for-one basis in common shares on the 10th business day of January of the year following the reporting person's retirement from the Board.

(2) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.

(3) Reporting Person's deferred compensation under the Eversource Deferred Compensation Plan, formerly the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Trustees, a non-qualified plan. These shares are nominally invested as common shares. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one common share upon a distribution event, following vesting. Additional phantom shares are issued upon the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents and are exempt from the line item reporting under SEC rule 16a-11.

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