

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)

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

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

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET

02/14/2006

(Street)

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

BERLIN, CT 06037

(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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (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	192,931 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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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