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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 ** Carmody Christine M | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|----------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4 | | | (Month/Day/Year) 02/21/2014 | Director 10% Owner Sylvary Officer (give title Other (special below) below) SVP - Human Resources | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person

___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed o | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned |
|--|---|--|--|----------------|-------|--|--|---|----------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/21/2014 | | Code V | Amount 506 (1) | (D) | Price \$ 44.97 | (Instr. 3 and 4) 59,872 (2) | D | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | | | | | | | 6,300 (3) | I | 401k |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transact | 5. orNumber | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | | 8. Price of Derivative |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|---|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) e | | (Instr. 3 and | 4) | Security (Instr. 5) |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Shares | <u>(4)</u> | | | | | <u>(4)</u> | <u>(4)</u> | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 17,627 (4) | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Carmody Christine M C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4 SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

SVP - Human Resources

Signatures

/s/ Kerry J. Tomasevich, attorney-in-fact for Ms.
Carmody

02/25/2014

**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) Disposition of restricted share units to satisfy tax withholding obligations upon settlement.
- (2) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.
- (3) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the plan's record keeper.

Reporting Owners 2

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Reporting Person's deferred compensation under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation 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 line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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