

Carmody Christine M  
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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 \*  
 Carmody Christine M

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 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)  
 04/10/2012

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) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP - Human Resources

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Shares	04/10/2012		A		8,954	A	(1)	8,954	D	
Common Shares	04/10/2012		A		10,232	A	(2)	19,186	D	
Common Shares	04/10/2012		A		5,488	A	(3)	5,488	I	By 401(k)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Shares	(4)	04/10/2012		A	49,381	(4) (4)	Common Shares 49,381
Employee Stock Option	\$ 28.12	04/10/2012		A	9,840	05/03/2010 05/03/2017	Common Shares 9,840
Employee Stock Option	\$ 24.74	04/10/2012		A	6,560	01/24/2011 01/24/2018	Common Shares 6,560
Employee Stock Option	\$ 25.93	04/10/2012		A	18,368	01/22/2012 01/22/2019	Common Shares 18,368
Employee Stock Option	\$ 26.9	04/10/2012		A	15,744	01/28/2013 01/28/2020	Common Shares 15,744

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Carmody Christine M  
ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4  
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

SVP - Human Resources

## Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Morrison - Attorney in Fact for Christine M.  
Carmody

04/10/2012

\*\*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, received in exchange for 6,825 deferred share units of NSTAR in connection with the merger of NSTAR into

(1) Northeast Utilities (the "Merger"). On the date prior to the effective time of the Merger, the closing price of NSTAR's common shares was \$47.65 per share, and the closing price of NU's common shares was \$36.79 per share.

(2) Received in exchange for 7,799 common shares of NSTAR pursuant to the Merger.

(3) Received in exchange for 4,183 common shares of NSTAR in connection with the Merger.

(4) Received in exchange for 37,638 phantom shares of NSTAR (deferred compensation obligation). Each phantom share is payable in one common share.

(5) Received in the Merger in exchange for an employee stock option to acquire 7,500 shares of NSTAR for \$36.89 per share.

(6) Received in the Merger in exchange for an employee stock option to acquire 5,000 shares of NSTAR for \$32.45 per share.

(7) Received in the Merger in exchange for an employee stock option to acquire 14,000 shares of NSTAR for \$34.02 per share.

(8) Received in the Merger in exchange for an employee stock option to acquire 12,000 shares of NSTAR for \$35.28 per share.

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