

NOLAN JOSEPH R JR  
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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 \*  
 NOLAN JOSEPH R JR

(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)  
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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                              |   | 10,496  | A  | (1)                               | 10,496 | D |           |
| Common Shares                   | 04/10/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 18,121  | A  | (2)                               | 28,617 | D |           |
| Common Shares                   | 04/10/2012                           |  | A                              |   | 14,277  | A  | (3)                               | 14,227 | 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                              | 95,736  | (4) (4)  | Common Shares 95,736  |
| 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                              | 13,995  | 01/22/2012 01/22/2019                                    | Common Shares 13,995  |
| Employee Stock Option                      | \$ 26.9  | 04/10/2012                           |  | A                              | 18,368  | 01/28/2013 01/28/2020                                    | Common Shares 18,368  |

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

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## Signatures

/s/ Richard J. Morrison - Attorney in Fact for Joseph R. Nolan, Jr.

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).

(1) Restricted share units, received in exchange for 8000 deferred share units of NSTAR in connection with the merger of NSTAR into 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.

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- (2) Received in exchange for 13,812 common shares of NSTAR pursuant to the Merger.
- (3) Received in exchange for 10,882 common shares of NSTAR in connection with the Merger.
- (4) Received in exchange for 72,970 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 5,000 shares of NSTAR for \$32.45 per share.
- (6) Received in the Merger in exchange for an employee stock option to acquire 10,667 shares of NSTAR for \$34.02 per share.
- (7) Received in the Merger in exchange for an employee stock option to acquire 14,000 shares of NSTAR for \$35.28 per share.

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