

SHIVERY CHARLES W  
Form 4  
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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)  
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/31/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chair. of Board, Pres. & CEO / Trustee

(Street)  
BERLIN, CT 06037

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	01/31/2008		A	767 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 29.71	5,052	I	Deferred Compensation Plan
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value					289,779 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value					1,276 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	401K Plan

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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)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHIVERY CHARLES W C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037			Chair. of Board, Pres. & CEO	Trustee

## Signatures

Charles W. Shivery, By: O. Kay  
Comendul/POA  
Date: 02/04/2008

\_\_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) Employer matching contributions under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, as of 1/31/2008. Share price average is \$29.71. Actual price is determined on the applicable payroll date.
- (2) Includes restricted shares, restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon; in addition, the reporting person also directly holds 29,024 stock options to purchase common shares, previously reported on Form 4. Included among shares directly held are 474 shares acquired on 7/31/2007 and 473 shares acquired on 1/31/2008 pursuant to the Northeast Utilities Employee Share Purchase Plan II, a Section 423(b) plan under the Internal Revenue Code, which shares are exempt from Form 4 reporting.
- (3) Shares held in trust under Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of 1/31/2008, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.

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