

CLOUD SANFORD JR  
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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 \*  
CLOUD SANFORD JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 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)  
11/10/2011

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) \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Trustee

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	11/10/2011		X <sup>(1)</sup>	1,242	A	40,584 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	11/10/2011		J <sup>(1)</sup>	1,242	D	\$ 34.29 <sup>(1)</sup>	39,342 <sup>(2)</sup> D

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Phantom Shares	(1)	11/10/2011		X(1)	1,242	(1) (1)	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	1,242 (1)

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

CLOUD SANFORD JR  
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4  
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

Trustee

## Signatures

Sanford Cloud, Jr. By: O. Kay  
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11/15/2011

\_\_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).

Each phantom share was the economic equivalent of one common share of the Issuer. On November 10, 2011, the Issuer terminated the Yankee Energy System, Inc. Non-Employee Director Deferred Compensation Plan. In connection with the termination, the phantom (1) shares were cancelled and the reporting person received, in lieu thereof, the cash value of the phantom shares. The number of phantom shares held by the reporting person previously was included in the Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) column on Table I.

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Mr. Cloud's total includes restricted share units receipt of which has been deferred, shares receipt of which has been deferred, and reinvested dividend equivalents thereon.

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