

NORTHEAST UTILITIES SYSTEM  
 Form 4  
 February 04, 2003

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
 Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 4**

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>Shivery, Charles W.</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>NORTHEAST UTILITIES (NU)</b>		6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>President - Competitive Group and Officer and Director of Certain Subsidiaries</b>		
c/o Northeast Utilities 107 Selden Street (Street)			3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>1/31/2003</b>	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
Berlin, CT 06037					(City) (State) (Zip)		
<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>							
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 & 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactions(s) (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)  Code  V

Amount
(A) or (D)
Price
<b>Common Shares, \$5 par value</b>
<b>1/31/2003</b>
A
492 shs See Note 1
A
N/A
492 shs See Note 1
I
<b>Deferred Comp Plan</b>
<b>Common Shares, \$5 par value</b>
<b>2/3/2003</b>
P
V
1,000 shs
A
\$14.23
1,500 shs
D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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 & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Name of Indirect Owner (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date					
<b>Options to Purchase</b>												<b>29,024</b>	<b>D</b>	

Explanation of Responses:

**Note 1. Shares receipt of which has been deferred pursuant to the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, as of January 31, 2003, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper. Acquisition is exempt under Rule 16b-3(d)(3).**

/s/ Charles W. Shivery  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

February 3, 2003  
 Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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