Olivier Leon J Form 4 November 28, 2012

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** Form 4 or Form 5

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

1(b).

(Last)

\$5.00 par

value

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Olivier Leon J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 56

(First)

(Month/Day/Year) 11/26/2012

10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_ Other (specify below) Executive VP and COO

PROSPECT STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

HARTFORD, CT 06103

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - No	on-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr.	8)	onor Dispos (Instr. 3,	sed of 4 and (A) or	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)
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	11/26/2012		Code			(D)	Price	176,977 (1)	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	11/26/2012		S		2,370	D	\$ 38.0093 (2)	174,607 (1)	D	
Common Shares,								2,448 <u>(3)</u>	I	By 401(k) Plan

Trustee

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. 6. Date Exercisable and onNumber of Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Shares	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	2,987 (4)	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Olivier Leon J								
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES			Executive					

56 PROSPECT STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103

VP and COO

**Signatures** 

/s/Leon J. Olivier By: O. Kay Comendul/POA

\*\*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) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.
- (2) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$37.99 to \$39.021, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Northeast Utilities, any security holder of Northeast Utilities, or the staff

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of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

- (3) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.
- Matching contributions on reporting person's deferred compensation under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, that are nominally invested as common shares. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one NU common share upon a distribution event, following vesting. Additional phantom shares are issued upon the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents exempt from the line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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