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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BUTLER GREGORY B** Issuer Symbol **EVERSOURCE ENERGY [ES]** (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY, 56 02/02/2017 below) PROSPECT STREET Executive VP & General Counsel (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

HARTFORD, CT 06103

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| (City) | (State) (2 | Table Table | I - Non-De | erivative Securities | Acquired, Disposed | of, or Beneficia | lly 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 onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or Amount (D) Pri | 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 | 02/02/2017 | | A | 9,052 A \$ 0 |) 68,396 <u>(2)</u> | D | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | | | | | 5,356 <u>(3)</u> | I | By 401(k) Plan Trustee |

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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exer | | 7. Title and A | | |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|---------------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | | orNumber | Expiration D | | Underlying S | | Derivative |
| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | S | /Year) | (Instr. 3 and | 4) | 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 | 218 (4) | |

Reporting Owners

| Penerting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address | |

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BUTLER GREGORY B C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY 56 PROSPECT STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103

Executive VP & General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Kerry J. Tomasevich, attorney-in-fact for Mr. 02/06/2017 Butler

**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).
- Grant of restricted share units (RSUs) which vests in three equal installments on February 2, 2018, 2019, and 2020. Restricted share units (1) are distributable in Eversource Energy common shares on a one-for-one basis. RSU holders are entitled to receive dividend equivalents, exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11, to the same extent dividends are paid on common shares.
- (2) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.
- (3) Shares held in trust under the Eversource 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper.

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Reporting Person's deferred compensation under the Eversource Deferred Compensation Plan, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, that is nominally invested as common shares. Each phantom share represents the right to receive one Eversource Energy common share upon a distribution event, following vesting. Additional phantom shares are issued upon the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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