

PAYNE SHIRLEY M
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PAYNE SHIRLEY M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107
SELDEN STREET

(Street)

BERLIN, CT 06037

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]

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

01/30/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

VP-Accounting and Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value					9,093 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value					272 ⁽²⁾	I	401K Plan

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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	
Phantom Shares	(3)	01/30/2009		A		80	(3) (3)	Common Shares 80 \$ 25.33

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PAYNE SHIRLEY M C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037			VP-Accounting and Controller	

Signatures

Shirley M.
Payne 02/03/2009

__Signature of
Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401K Plan, a qualified plan, as of January 30, 2009, according to information supplied by the Plan's recordkeeper.
- (3) Matching contribution of reporting person's deferred compensation in 2008 under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, that are nominally invested as Common Shares (hereby referred to as phantom shares). While the average price of the matching contributions was \$25.33, the actual price was determined on the applicable payroll date on which the deferred compensation contribution was made. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one

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share of NU common 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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