

EVERSOURCE ENERGY  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
MAY THOMAS J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY, 300  
CADWELL DRIVE

(Street)

SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EVERSOURCE ENERGY [ES]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/09/2017

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)  Other (specify below)

Chrmn of the Board & Trustee

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 01/09/2017                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 40,000 D  | \$ 54.7892 <sup>(2)</sup> 1,842 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | May Family Investments LLC                            |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value |                                      |  |                                |   | 198,093 <sup>(4)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value |                                      |  |                                |   | 71,171 <sup>(5)</sup>   | I  | 401k Plan   |

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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) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)                        |
| Phantom Shares                             | (6)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (6)  | (6)   | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value            | 52,875 (6)                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |                              |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                        |
| MAY THOMAS J<br>C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY<br>300 CADWELL DRIVE<br>SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104 |               |           |         | Chrmn of the Board & Trustee |

## Signatures

/s/ Kerry J. Tomasevich, attorney-in-fact for Mr. May 01/10/2017

\_\_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) This sale was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 9, 2016.
  - (2) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$54.56 to \$55.46, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Eversource Energy, any security holder of Eversource Energy, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price

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within the range set forth above.

- Represents common shares held by a limited liability company, the members of which consist of the reporting person's spouse and a
- (3) family trust for the benefit of certain members of the reporting person's family, of which the reporting person's spouse is a trustee. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities.
  - (4) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.
  - (5) Shares held in trust under the Eversource 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper.
- 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
- (6) 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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