

Olivier Leon J
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(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 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107
 SELDEN STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/31/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

BERLIN, CT 06037

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares, \$5 par value					706 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401k Plan Trustee
Common Shares, \$5 par value	01/31/2006		A	289 ⁽²⁾ A ⁽²⁾	1,583	I	Deferred Comp. Plan
Common Shares, \$5 par value					21,706 ⁽³⁾	D	

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)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Olivier Leon J NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Leon J. Olivier 02/02/2006

**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) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of January 31, 2006, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.
 - (2) Employer matching contributions under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, receipt of which has been deferred, as of January 31, 2006. Share price averages \$19.68. Actual price is determined on the applicable payroll date.
 - (3) Includes restricted shares and restricted share units; in addition, the reporting person also directly holds 19,900 stock options to purchase common shares, previously reported on Form 4.

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