

ROBB JAMES B  
Form 4  
September 08, 2009

**FORM 4**

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**ROBB JAMES B**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 56  
PROSPECT STREET**

(Street)

**HARTFORD, CT 06103**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**09/04/2009**

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)

Sr. VP-Enterprise Plan. & Dev.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)    | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |                       |   |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------|
|                                          |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount<br>(A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                                                         | Price                                                                |                                                                   |                       |   |           |
| Common<br>Shares,<br>\$5.00 par<br>value | 09/04/2009                              |                                                             | F                                    |                                                                         | 669 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                                 | D                                                                    | \$<br>23.66                                                       | 16,773 <sup>(2)</sup> | D |           |
| Common<br>Shares,<br>\$5.00 par<br>value |                                         |                                                             |                                      |                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |                                                                      |                                                                   | 409 <sup>(3)</sup>    | 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)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date | Title                                                         | Amount or Number of Shares                 |
| Phantom Shares                             | (4)                                                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | (4)                                                      | (4)             | Common Shares, \$5 Par value                                  | 0 (4)                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                      | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| ROBB JAMES B<br>C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES<br>56 PROSPECT STREET<br>HARTFORD, CT 06103 |               |           | Sr. VP-Enterprise Plan. & Dev. |       |

## Signatures

James B. Robb 09/08/2009

\_\_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) Disposition of restricted share units upon vesting to satisfy tax withholding obligations.

(2) Includes restricted share units and reinvested dividend equivalents.

(3) Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of September 4, 2009, according to information supplied by the plan's record keeper.

(4)

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The reporting person holds phantom shares of NU Common under the Northeast Utilities Deferred Compensation Plan for Executives, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan (the DCP), made as matching contributions under the DCP. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one 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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