

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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NORTHEAST UTILITIES

CIK: **72741** | IRS No.: **042147929** | State of Incorporation: **MA** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **4911** Electric services

Mailing Address
*107 SELDEN ST
BERLIN CT 06037-1616*

Business Address
*ONE FEDERAL STREET
BUILDING 111-4
SPRINGFIELD MA 01105
8606655000*

REPORTING OWNER

WRAASE DENNIS R

CIK: **1180178**
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-05324** | Film No.: **13535954**

Mailing Address
*56 PROSPECT STREET
HARTFORD CT 06103*

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person WRAASE DENNIS R			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ Officer (give title below) <u> X </u> Other (specify below) Trustee		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/15/2013					
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <u> X </u> Form Filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105								
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	01/15/2013		A		2,545 ⁽¹⁾	A	\$ 0	16,144 ⁽²⁾	D

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)					

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted share units that will vest on January 16, 2013, receipt of which has been deferred. Distribution will be made on a one-for-one basis in Common Shares on the 10th business day of January of the year following the reporting person's retirement from Board services.
2. The reporting person's total includes restricted share units, receipt of which has been deferred, and dividend equivalents thereon.

Signatures

Dennis R. Wraase, By: O. Kay Comendul/POA

01/17/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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).

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