

NORTHEAST UTILITIES
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FORM 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
PATRICELLI ROBERT E
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]
 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2004

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___ Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Trustee

C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, 107 SELDEN STREET
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

BERLIN, CT 06037
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) Amount	or (D) Price			
Common Shares, \$ par value	12/31/2004		A	99	A \$ 18.85	21,222 (1)	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. of D Se B O E Is Fi (E
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PATRICELLI ROBERT E C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037	^	^	^	Trustee

Signatures

/s/ Robert E. Patricelli, By: O. Kay
Comendul/POA
02/14/2005
**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) Includes restricted share units. Mr. Patricelli also beneficially owns 12,500 options to purchase common shares the ownership of which were previously reported on Form 4.

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