

SWOPE JOHN F
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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 *
SWOPE JOHN F

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)
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES, ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/02/2010

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___X___ Other (specify below)
Trustee

(Street)
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 12/02/2010 | | M | 2,500 (1) | A \$ 21.03 | 40,916 (2) | 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 21.03 | 12/02/2010 | | M | 2,500 | 02/27/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 02/27/2011 | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 2,500 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SWOPE JOHN F
C/O NORTHEAST UTILITIES
ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01105

Trustee

Signatures

John F. Swope, By: O. Kay
Comendul/POA

12/06/2010

__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) The options exercised to purchase 2,500 Common Shares were granted on February 27, 2001 and vested 50% on that date and 50% on February 27, 2002.

(2) Mr. Swope's total includes vested and unvested restricted share units receipt of which has been deferred, deferred share-equivalents, and dividend equivalents thereon. Mr. Swope also beneficially owns 2,500 vested options to purchase Common Shares, the acquisition of which was previously reported on Form 4.

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