

Olivier Leon J  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Olivier Leon J (Last) (First) (Middle)  NORTHEAST UTILITIES,Â 107 SELDEN STREET (Street)  BERLIN,Â CTÂ 06037 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2005	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NORTHEAST UTILITIES [NU]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) President - Transmission Grp.	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Shares, \$5 par value	450 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By 401k Plan trustee
Common Shares, \$5 par value	11,826 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Options to Purchase	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Shares, \$5 par value	19,900	\$ (3)	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Olivier Leon J NORTHEAST UTILITIES 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037	Â	Â	Â President - Transmission Grp.	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Leon J. Olivier 01/25/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Beneficially owned as of December 31, 2004, according to information supplied by the plan's recordkeeper.
- (2) Includes restricted shares.
- (3) Includes 10,000 options granted on 9/11/01 with an exercise price of \$19.93 and 9,900 options granted on 2/25/02 with an exercise price of \$18.58; each of such grants becomes exercisable 1/3 on each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date and expiring on the tenth anniversary of the grant date.

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