BUTLER GREGORY B Form 4 February 27, 2003

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FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting				ıer Name a	nd Tick	er or Tra	ding	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all					
Person*				ol				applicable)					
Butler, Gregory B.				ORTHEA	ST UT	ILITIE	S (NU)	_	_ Director 10% Owner				
(Last)	(First) (M	iddle)				Month/Day/Teal		X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel					
	heast Utilitie	es											
107 Seld	len Street												
(Street)						· ·		Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
Berlin,	CT	06037				Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)		X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
								(City)	(State)	(Zip)			
								Table I	Non-Derivative Se of, or Benefici	curities Acquired, Disposed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2.Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A. Deem Execut Date,if an (Month/D Year)	ion y	action	Dispos (D)	ed (A) or ed of 3, 4 & 5)	5. Amount Securities Beneficiall Owned Fo Reported Transactic (Instr. 3 &	ly bllowing ons(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) Code			

		Amount
		(A) or (D)
		Price
		Common Shares, \$5 par
		value
		1.070)
		1,372 shs See Note 1
		I
		By 401(k) Plan trustee
		Common Shares, \$5 par value
		2/25/2003
		A
		7,779 shs See Note 2
		A
		\$14.14
		13,449 shs
		D

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

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FORM 4 (continued) 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)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	Transaction	Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	5. 6. Date Ex. Number and Expirate Date Derivatives Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)		Date (Manth/Day/Yes d	n	Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following	Security:	11. N of Indire Benet Owne (Instr.
				Code V	(A)		Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares				
Options to Purchase												45,516	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Note 1. Shares held in trust under the Northeast Utilities Service Company 401k Plan, a qualified plan, as of February 21, 2003, according to information suppled by the plan's recordkeeper.

Note 2. Grant of restricted shares, vesting one-fourth on each of 2/25/2004, 2/25/2005, 2/25/2006, and 2/25/2007.

/s/ Gregory B. Butler

**Signature of Reporting Person

Tebruary 26, 2003

Date

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

If space is insufficient, See Instruction 6 for procedure.

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