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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and A	ddress of Rep	Ū		uer Name <b>a</b>	nd Tick	er or Tra	•	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all					
Person*		Symbo		~~~			applicable)						
Stack,	John P.	N	ORTHEA	ST UT	ILITIES	S (NU)	_ Direct		10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle)					Month/Day/Teal		X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Vice President and Controller						
c/o Nort													
107 5610	(Street)		5. If Amendment,				endment	7 Individua		ng (Check Applicable Line)			
	(Olloct)	(Silect)						7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Berlin,	CT	06037				(Month/Day/Year)							
								(City)	(State)	(Zip)			
		1						Table I	Non-Derivative Se of, or Benefici	curities Acquired, Disposed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2.Trans- action Date (Month/ Da Year)	2A. Deem Executi Date,if an (Month/Da Year)	ion y	action	Dispose (D)	ed (A) or ed of B, 4 & 5)	5. Amount Securities Beneficiall Owned Fo Reported Transactic (Instr. 3 &	ly bllowing ons(s)	6. Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) Code			

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				Amount
				(A) or (D)
				Price
				Common Shares, \$5 par value
				499 shs See Note 1
				I
				By 401k Trustee
				Common Shares, \$5 par
				value
				2/25/2003
				A
				3,890 shs
				See Note 2
				A
				\$14.14
				6,954 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)

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Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of	Transaction	Date, if any	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	of	nbe ivati curiti quire or pose D)	d	n	7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 & 4)		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. N of Indire Bene Owne (Instr.
				Code V	(A)		Exer-cisable	Expira- tion Date		Amount or Number of Shares				
Options to Purchase												12,415	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/ John P. Stack

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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