EVERSOURCE ENERGY

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **MAY THOMAS J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

EVERSOURCE ENERGY [ES]

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

\$5.00 par value

(Middle)

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

Director

10% Owner

C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY, 300

(Street)

(First)

02/03/2016

_X__ Officer (give title __X__ Other (specify below) below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

CADWELL DRIVE

Chrmn of Bd, President & CEO / Trustee

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

68,585 (4)

SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104

| (City) | (State) (Z | Zip) Table | I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------|---|--|--|---|-----------|--|--|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | (A) or | | | 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/03/2016 | | A | 65,603 (1) | A | | 377,844 (2) | D | | | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/03/2016 | | A | 58,003 (3) | A | \$ 0 | 435,847 (2) | D | | | |
| Common Shares, | | | | | | | 68 585 ⁽⁴⁾ | T | 401k Plan | | |

401k Plan

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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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. 5. TransactionNumber | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | | 8. Price of Derivative |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|--------------------|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code of | | (Month/Day/Year) | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities | | | | | (Instr. 5) |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | • | | | | |
| | Security | | | | (A) or | | | | | |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Phantom Shares | <u>(5)</u> | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | <u>(5)</u> | Common Shares, \$5.00 par | 914,770 (5) | |
| | | | | | | | | value | _ | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Other Director 10% Owner Officer

MAY THOMAS J C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY 300 CADWELL DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104

Chrmn of Bd, President & CEO Trustee

Signatures

/s/ Kerry J. Tomasevich, attorney-in-fact for 02/05/2016 Mr. May

> **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) Performance shares and dividend equivalent shares for the 2013-2015 Long-Term Incentive Program as determined on February 3, 2016.
- (2) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.
- Grant of restricted share units (RSUs) which vests in three equal installments on February 3, 2017, 2018, and 2019. Restricted share units are distributable in Eversource Energy common shares on a one-for-one basis. RSU holders are entitled to receive dividend equivalents,

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exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11, to the same extent dividends are paid on common shares.

- (4) Shares held in trust under the Eversource 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper.
 - Reporting Person's deferred compensation under the Eversource Deferred Compensation Plan, a non-qualified deferred compensation plan, that is nominally invested as common shares. Each phantom share represents the right to receive the cash value of one Eversource
- (5) Energy common share upon a distribution event, following vesting. Additional phantom shares are issued upon the automatic reinvestment of dividend-equivalents exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11.

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