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| 1. Name and A BUTH JAY | | Symbol | | | I Ticker or | | - | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | | |
| | | | EVERSOURCE ENERGY [ES] | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| (Mont | | | (Month/D | te of Earliest Transaction th/Day/Year) | | | | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify | | | | |
| C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY, 107 02/23/2 SELDEN STREET | | | | 017 | | | | below) below) VP, Controller, Chief Acct Off | | | | |
| (Street) 4. If An | | | 4. If Ame | mendment, Date Original | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | |
| | | | | nth/Day/Year) | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | |
| BERLIN, C | | (Zin) | | | | | | Person | | | | |
| (City) | | (Zip) | | | | | _ | uired, Disposed of | | - | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) | | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/23/2017 | | | А | 2,256 (1) | A | \$ 0 | 14,732 <u>(2)</u> | D | | | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/23/2017 | | | F | 999 <u>(3)</u> | D | \$ 56.15 | 13,733 <u>(2)</u> | D | | | |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | | | | | | | | 17 <u>(4)</u> | I | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Titl | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration Da | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secu |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivativ | e | | Securi | ities | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | 5 | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
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| | | | | <u> </u> | | | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| BUTH JAY S. C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY 107 SELDEN STREET BERLIN, CT 06037 | | | VP, Controller, Chief Acct Off | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |

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/s/ Kerry J. Tomasevich, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Buth

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

02/27/2017

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).
- Performance shares and dividend equivalent shares for the 2014-2016 Long-Term Incentive Program as determined on February 23, (1)2017.
- (2) Includes 50 shares held jointly with his spouse, restricted share units, deferred restricted share units, and dividend equivalents thereon.
- (3) Shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligation.

(4) Shares held in trust under the Eversource 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper. 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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