

EVERSOURCE ENERGY  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 \*  
MAY THOMAS J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY, 300  
CADWELL DRIVE

(Street)

SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EVERSOURCE ENERGY [ES]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2017

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

Chrmn of the Board & Trustee

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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)		
			Code	V	Amount (D) or Price (A)				
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	03/01/2017		M		52,875	A	<u>(1)</u>	258,830 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	03/01/2017		F		23,635 <u>(3)</u>	D	\$ 54.7	235,195 <u>(2)</u>	D
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	03/03/2017		S		64,164	D	\$ <u>(4)</u>	171,031 <u>(2)</u>	D

Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	71,076 <sup>(5)</sup>	I	401k Plan
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	1,842	I	May Family Investments LLC

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				
Phantom Shares	<u>(6)</u>	03/01/2017	<u>(6)</u>	M	52,875 <u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	52,875 <u>(6)</u>

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
MAY THOMAS J C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY 300 CADWELL DRIVE SPRINGFIELD, MA 01104	Chrmn of the Board & Trustee

## Signatures

/s/ Kerry J. Tomasevich, attorney-in-fact for Mr. May 03/03/2017

        \*\*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) These shares constitute remaining previously disclosed equity compensation earned by Mr. May pursuant to the registrant's non-qualified deferred compensation plan. The shares were distributed in accordance with the terms of the plan, which delayed the distribution of this portion of such equity compensation as required by IRS 409A regulations. Each stock equivalent phantom share was settled for and represented the economic equivalent of one Eversource common share.

(2) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.

(3) Shares withheld to satisfy tax withholding obligation.

(4) The price in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$58.00 to \$58.385, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Eversource Energy, any security holder of Eversource Energy, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.

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

(6) 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 one Eversource 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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