

BUTLER GREGORY B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BUTLER GREGORY B**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY, 56 PROSPECT STREET**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/07/2018**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive VP & General Counsel**

**HARTFORD, CT 06103**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/07/2018                           |  | A                              | 8,410 <sup>(1)</sup>  | A \$ 0 78,944 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 02/07/2018                           |  | A                              | 8,051 <sup>(3)</sup>  | A \$ 0 86,995 <sup>(2)</sup>  | D  |   |
| Common Shares, \$5.00 par value |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,667 <sup>(4)</sup>  | I  | By 401(k) Plan Trustee                                |

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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 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Phantom Shares                             | (5)  |                                      |  |                                |   | (5) (5)  | Common Shares, \$5.00 par value                               | 225 (5)                                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                              | Other |
| BUTLER GREGORY B<br>C/O EVERSOURCE ENERGY<br>56 PROSPECT STREET<br>HARTFORD, CT 06103 |               |           | Executive VP<br>& General<br>Counsel |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Kerry J. Tomasevich, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Butler 02/09/2018

\_\_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) Grant of restricted share units (RSUs) which vests in three equal installments on February 7, 2019, 2020, and 2021, subject to shareholder approval. Restricted share units are distributable in Eversource Energy common shares on a one-for-one basis. RSU holders are entitled to receive dividend equivalents, exempt from line item reporting under SEC Rule 16a-11, to the same extent dividends are paid on common

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shares.

- (2) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.
- (3) Performance shares and dividend equivalent shares for the 2015-2017 Long-Term Incentive Program as determined on February 7, 2018.
- (4) Shares held in trust under the Eversource 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper.
- (5) 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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