

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)  
**02/15/2018**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	02/15/2018		F	792 <sup>(1)</sup> D	\$ 57.58	86,203 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	02/15/2018		F	864 <sup>(1)</sup> D	\$ 57.58	85,339 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	02/15/2018		F	1,222 <sup>(2)</sup> D	\$ 57.58	84,117 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	5,767 <sup>(3)</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)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Shares	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Shares, \$5.00 par value	225 <u>(4)</u>

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

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

02/20/2018

    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) Disposition of common shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations.
- (2) Includes restricted share units and dividend equivalents thereon.
- (3) Shares held in trust under the Eversource 401k Plan, a qualified plan, according to information supplied by the Plan's record keeper.

(4) 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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