

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 8-K  
February 19, 2009

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **February 17, 2009**

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of organization)

**001-5324**  
(Commission File Number)

**04-2147929**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Federal Street, Building 111-4**

**Springfield, Massachusetts**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**01105**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(860) 665-5000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 – Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 17, 2009, Shirley M. Payne, Vice President Accounting and Controller of Northeast Utilities (NU), resigned her position, effective April 1, 2009, and was appointed Vice President Shared Services of Northeast Utilities Service Company, a subsidiary of NU, also effective April 1, 2009.

On February 17, 2009, the NU Board of Trustees appointed David R. McHale, currently Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of NU, as acting principal accounting officer of NU, effective April 1, 2009.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

(Registrants)

By: /s/ Randy A. Shoop

Name: Randy A. Shoop

Title: Vice President and Treasurer

Date: February 18, 2009