

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 8-K  
February 10, 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 10, 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 8**

**Other Events**

**Item 8.01.**

**Other Events.**

On February 10, 2009, Northeast Utilities issued a news release announcing that its Board of Trustees had approved an increase in the quarterly dividend to \$0.2375 per share payable on March 31, 2009 to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 1, 2009. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 9**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01.**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d)

**Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	News Release issued by Northeast Utilities dated February 10, 2009.

**SIGNATURE**

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

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**

(Registrant)

February 10, 2009

By:

/s/ GREGORY B. BUTLER

Gregory B. Butler

Senior Vice President and General Counsel