

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 8-K  
October 14, 2011

**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): **October 14, 2011**

**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):

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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 October 14, 2011, Northeast Utilities and NSTAR, acting pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated October 16, 2010, as amended as of November 1, 2010 and December 16, 2010, by and among Northeast Utilities, NU Holding Energy 1 LLC and NU Holding Energy 2 LLC and NSTAR (the Merger Agreement ), extended the Termination Date of the Merger Agreement, as defined therein, from October 16, 2011 to April 16, 2012.

For further information regarding the proposed Northeast Utilities - NSTAR merger, please refer to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-170754) filed by Northeast Utilities with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) in connection with the merger, Northeast Utilities Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on February 25, 2011, and its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011.

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**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)

October 14, 2011

By:

/S/ RANDY A. SHOOP

Randy A. Shoop

Vice President and Treasurer