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Form 8-K
December 28, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-1004

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) December 28, 2004

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| MASSACHUSETTS | 1-5324 | 04-2147929 |
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| (State or other jurisdiction of organization) | Commission File Number | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

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| ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4, SPRINGFIELD | |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 01105 |

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(860) 665-5500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 December 28, 2004, The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P") and The United Illuminating Company ("UI") announced revised cost estimates and schedule for their Middletown/Norwalk Transmission Project. A copy of the joint CL&P/UI news release is

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attached as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein. For further information about this matter, reference is made to "Financial Condition and Business Analysis - Utility Group Business Development and Capital Expenditures" in Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Northeast Utilities' and Subsidiaries' Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ending September 30, 2004.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Not Applicable

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibits | Description |
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| Exhibit 99 | Joint CL&P/UI News Release dated December 28, 2004. |
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[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

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)

By: /s/ Randy A. Shoop
Name: Randy A. Shoop
Title: Assistant Treasurer-Finance

Date: December 28, 2004