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Form 8-K  
October 27, 2003

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) October 27, 2003

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Commission File Number 1-5324  
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NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MASSACHUSETTS

04-2147929

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
organization)

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(I.R.S. Employer incorporation or  
Identification No.)

174 BRUSH HILL AVENUE, WEST SPRINGFIELD,  
MASSACHUSETTS 01090-0010

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(413) 785-5871

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last  
report)

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

ITEM 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 27, 2003, Northeast Utilities issued a press  
release relating to its financial results for the third quarter 2003.  
A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1. Exhibits 99.1  
and 99.2, which are incorporated in this Item 9 by reference thereto, are  
furnished pursuant to Regulation FD.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Northeast Utilities Press Release dated October 27, 2003.  
Exhibit 99.2 Financial Report for the three, six and twelve month periods  
ending September 30, 2003.

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.

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NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
(Registrant)

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

Date: October 27, 2003