

NORTHEAST UTILITIES
Form S-4 POS
March 25, 2008

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 25, 2008

Registration No. 333-85613

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO
FORM S-4**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Massachusetts
(State of Incorporation)

04-2147929
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

One Federal Street, Building 111-4, Springfield, MA 01105 (413) 785-5871
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

Kerry J. Kuhlman

Vice President and Secretary

Northeast Utilities Service Company
107 Selden Street
Berlin, CT 06037
(860) 665-5000

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of Agent for Service)

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-4 Registration Statement is being filed solely to remove from registration securities that were registered and will not be issued in connection with the Registrant's offering.

On August 20, 1999, Northeast Utilities (the Registrant) filed its Registration Statement on Form S-4 (No. 333-85613) (the Registration Statement) with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to 12,000,000 of the Registrant's common shares which were to be issued in connection with the Registrant's merger with Yankee Energy Systems, Inc.

On March 1, 2000, the merger was consummated and 11,144,762 common shares of the Registrant were issued. No further common shares will be issued in connection with the merger.

The Registrant is filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to withdraw the Registration Statement, including all exhibits to the Registration Statement, with respect to all unsold Registrant common shares registered under the Registration Statement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Northeast Utilities, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Berlin, State of Connecticut on the 25th day of March, 2008.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES
(REGISTRANT)

By: /s/ Charles W. Shivery

Charles W. Shivery
*Chairman of the Board,
President and Chief Executive Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| SIGNATURE | TITLE | DATE |
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| /s/ Charles W. Shivery | | |
| Charles W. Shivery | Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer and a Trustee | March 25, 2008 |
| /s/ David R. McHale | | |
| David R. McHale | Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer | March 25, 2008 |
| /s/ Shirley M. Payne | | |
| Shirley M. Payne | Vice President Accounting and Controller | March 25, 2008 |
| Richard H. Booth | Trustee | March 25, 2008 |

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| Cotton M. Cleveland | Trustee | March 25, 2008 |
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| Sanford Cloud, Jr. | Trustee | March 25, 2008 |
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| James F. Cordes | Trustee | March 25, 2008 |
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| E. Gail de Planque | Trustee | March 25, 2008 |
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| John G. Graham | Trustee | March 25, 2008 |
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| Elizabeth T. Kennan | Trustee | March 25, 2008 |
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| Kenneth Liebler | Trustee | March 25, 2008 |
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| Trustee | March 25, 2008 |
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Robert E. Patricelli

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John F. Swope

Trustee

March 25, 2008

*By: /s/ Jeffrey C. Miller

Jeffrey C. Miller

Attorney-in-Fact

March 25, 2008