

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 8-K  
May 22, 2009

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**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): **May 21, 2009**

| Commission<br>File Number<br>----- | Registrant; State of Incorporation<br>Address; and Telephone Number<br>----- | I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.<br>----- |
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**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**  
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**Not Applicable**  
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Section 8 -

Other Events

Item 8.01.

Other Events.

On May 21, 2009, Northeast Utilities and NSTAR issued a joint news release announcing that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) had ruled favorably on their request for a declaratory order and approved the proposed structure of a participant-funded transmission line between New England and Quebec, and the assignment of firm transmission rights to Hydro-Québec (HQ) to enable HQ to deliver low-carbon hydroelectric power to New England. A copy of the FERC order can be found at the FERC website at: <http://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/comm-meet/2009/052109/E-33.pdf>.

A copy of the news release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.

Description

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Joint News Release issued by Northeast Utilities and NSTAR on May 21, 2009.

[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)

May 22, 2009

By:

/s/ Randy A. Shoop

Randy A. Shoop

Vice President and Treasurer