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Form 8-K

March 13, 2001

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) MARCH 12, 2001

Commission File Number 1-5324

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MASSACHUSETTS

04-2147929

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

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

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

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(413) 785-5871

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On March 12, 2001, NU filed suit in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York seeking for itself and its shareholders in excess of \$1 billion in damages arising from Con Edison's breach of the merger agreement between the two companies. NU cannot predict the outcome of this matter or its effect upon NU.

Reference is made to NU's Current Reports on Form 8-K dated February 28, 2001 and March 5, 2001.

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ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

99. Presentation, dated March 13, 2001, entitled "Northeast Utilities System-Analyst Presentation."

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

The material attached hereto as Exhibit 99, which is incorporated in this Item 9 by reference thereto, is furnished pursuant to Regulation FD.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Vice President and Treasurer

/S/ David R. McHa  
David R.

Date: March 13, 2001