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QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-6624

Nuveen New York Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 3/31

Date of reporting period: 12/31/12

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited) Nuveen New York Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio (NXN) December 31, 2012

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1) Consumer Discretionary – 0.2%	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3) Valu	e
\$ 100	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, Liberty Revenue Bonds, IAC/InterActiveCorp, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/35	9/15 at 100.00	BBB \$	102,594
	Consumer Staples – 1.5% TSASC Inc., New York, Tobacco Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2006:			
350	4.750%, 6/01/22	6/16 at 100.00	BBB	350,042
540	5.000%, 6/01/26	6/16 at 100.00	BB-	518,054
890	Total Consumer Staples Education and Civic Organizations – 14.3% Albany Industrial Development Agency, New York, Revenue Bonds, Albany Law School,			868,096
100	Series	7/17 at 100.00	BBB	104,710
	2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/31			
	Albany Industrial Development Agency, New			
	York, Revenue Bonds, Brighter Choice Charte	r		
165	Schools,	4/17 at 100.00	BBB-	162,480
	Series 2007A, 5.000%, 4/01/37			
	Buffalo and Erie County Industrial Land			
	Development Corporation, New York,	12/20 at		
280	Tax-Exempt Revenue	100.00	BBB	331,517
	Bonds, Enterprise Charter School Project,			
	Series 2011A, 7.500%, 12/01/40			
	Cattaraugus County Industrial Development			
	Agency, New York, Revenue Bonds, St.			
30	Bonaventure	5/16 at 100.00	BBB-	31,202
	University, Series 2006, 5.000%, 5/01/23			
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York	,		
	General Revenue Bonds, Manhattan College,			
430	Series	7/17 at 100.00	N/R	442,195
	2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/41 – RAAI Insured			
4 000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York		222	1 1 6 2 7 0 0
1,000	Housing Revenue Bonds, Fashion Institute of	No Opt. Call	BBB	1,162,500
	Technology, Series 2007, 5.250%, 7/01/34 –			
50	FGIC Insured	7/15 -4 100 00	A - O	52.010
50		7/15 at 100.00	Aa2	53,812

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	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York	,		
	Lease Revenue Bonds, State University			
	Dormitory			
	Facilities, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/29 – NPFG Insured			
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York	•		
	Revenue Bonds, Columbia University, Series			
1,000	2011A,	4/21 at 100.00	AAA	1,167,840
	5.000%, 10/01/41			
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York	,		
	Revenue Bonds, St. Joseph's College, Series			
120	2010,	7/20 at 100.00	Baa1	133,705
	5.250%, 7/01/35			
	Dutchess County Industrial Development			
	Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue			
815	Bonds, Bard	8/17 at 100.00	Baa1	855,587
	College Refunding, Series 2007-A1, 5.000%,			
	8/01/46			
	Hempstead Town Industrial Development	10/15 -4		
100	Agency, New York, Revenue Bonds, Adelphi University,	10/15 at 100.00	A	107,732
100	Civic Facility Project, Series 2005, 5.000%,	100.00	Α	107,732
	10/01/35			
	Monroe County Industrial Development			
	Corporation, New York, Revenue Bonds,			
2,000	University of	7/21 at 100.00	AA-	2,249,440
	Rochester Project, Series 2011B, 5.000%,			
	7/01/41			
	New York City Industrial Development			
	Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue	10/14 at		
100	Bonds, St. Francis	100.00	A–	102,888
	College, Series 2004, 5.000%, 10/01/34			
	New York City Industrial Development			
420	Agency, New York, PILOT Revenue Bonds,	145 100.00	5 .4	100 011
430	Queens Baseball	1/17 at 100.00	Ba1	423,344
	Stadium Project, Series 2006, 4.750%, 1/01/42	, —		
	AMBAC Insured New York City Industrial Development			
	Authority, New York, PILOT Revenue Bonds,			
	Yankee Stadium			
	Project, Series 2006:			
590	4.500%, 3/01/39 – FGIC Insured	9/16 at 100.00	BBB	599,192
300	4.750%, 3/01/46 – NPFG Insured	9/16 at 100.00	BBB	307,113
	Seneca County Industrial Development	,, _ ,		2 2 . ,
	Authority, New York, Revenue Bonds, New	10/17 at		
65	York Chiropractic	100.00	BBB	69,171
	College, Series 2007, 5.000%, 10/01/27			
7,575	Total Education and Civic Organizations			8,304,428
	Financials – 0.9%			
435	Liberty Development Corporation, New York,	No Opt. Call	A	527,185
	Goldman Sachs Headquarters Revenue Bonds			

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	Series			
	2007, 5.500%, 10/01/37			
	Health Care – 9.6%			
	California Statewide Community Developmen	t		
1,000	Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanante	e 3/16 at 100.00	A+	1,063,530
	System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41			
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York	·•••		
	FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds,			
450	Montefiore	2/15 at 100.00	BBB	477,072
	Hospital, Series 2004, 5.000%, 8/01/29 – FGIO	\mathbf{C}		
	Insured			
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York	·•••		
	FHA-Insured Revenue Bonds, St. Lukes			
500	Roosevelt	8/15 at 100.00	N/R	535,275
	Hospital, Series 2005, 4.900%, 8/15/31			
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York	•••		
	Highland Hospital of Rochester Revenue			
100	Bonds,	7/20 at 100.00	A2	110,414
	Series 2010, 5.200%, 7/01/32			
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York			
105	Orange Regional Medical Center Obligated	12/18 at	D 1	120.504
125	Group	100.00	Ba1	138,504
	Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, 6.250%,			
	12/01/37			
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York	••		
950	Revenue Bonds, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer	7/16 at 100.00	AA	1,041,153
930	Center, Series 2006-1, 5.000%, 7/01/35	7/10 at 100.00	AA	1,041,133
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York	-		
	Revenue Bonds, New York and Presbyterian	••		
375	Hospital,	8/14 at 100.00	AA-	404,708
313	Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/15/15 – AGM Insure		7 17 1	101,700
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York			
	Revenue Bonds, NYU Hospitals Center, Series			
750	2011A,	7/20 at 100.00	A-	883,298
750	6.000%, 7/01/40	7720 at 100.00	11	002,270
	Madison County Industrial Development			
	Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue			
	Bonds, Oneida			
	Health System, Series 2007A:			
100	5.250%, 2/01/27	2/17 at 100.00	BBB-	102,335
90	5.500%, 2/01/32	2/17 at 100.00	BBB-	92,458
	New York City Health and Hospitals			
	Corporation, New York, Health System			
750	Revenue Bonds, Series	2/13 at 100.00	Aa3	753,855
	2003A, 5.250%, 2/15/21 – AMBAC Insured			
5,190	Total Health Care			5,602,602
	Housing/Multifamily – 2.6%			
	New Hartford-Sunset Woods Funding			
	Corporation, New York, FHA-Insured			
965	Mortgage Revenue Bonds,	8/14 at 100.00	AA+	976,860

	Sunset Woods Apartments II Project, Series 2002, 5.350%, 2/01/20			
	New York City Housing Development			
	Corporation, New York, Multifamily Housing			
250	Revenue Bonds,	5/14 at 100.00	AA	256,428
	Series 2004A, 5.250%, 11/01/30			
	New York State Housing Finance Agency,			
	Affordable Housing Revenue, Series 2007A,	11/17 at		200 255
275	5.250%,	100.00	Aa2	289,377
1 400	11/01/38 (Alternative Minimum Tax)			1 500 665
1,490	Total Housing/Multifamily			1,522,665
	Housing/Single Family – 4.1% New York State Mortgage Agency, Mortgage			
	Revenue Bonds, Thirty-First Series A,			
2,365	5.300%,	4/13 at 100.00	Aaa	2,367,862
2,505	10/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1713 tt 100.00	1 Iuu	2,307,002
	Long-Term Care – 5.7%			
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York,			
	Non-State Supported Debt, Ozanam Hall of	11/16 at		
100	Queens	100.00	Ba3	97,844
	Nursing Home Revenue Bonds, Series 2006,			
	5.000%, 11/01/31			
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York,			
50	Revenue Bonds, Providence Rest, Series 2005,	7/15 at 100.00	N/R	45,653
	5.000%, 7/01/35 – ACA Insured			
	East Rochester Housing Authority, New York,			
1,805	FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds,	8/13 at 100.50	AAA	1,828,032
1,603	Jewish Home of Rochester, Series 2002,	6/13 at 100.30	ААА	1,020,032
	4.625%, 2/15/17			
	East Rochester Housing Authority, New York,			
	Revenue Bonds, GNMA/FHA-Secured	12/15 at		
1,000	Revenue Bonds,	100.00	N/R	1,032,260
	St. Mary's Residence Project, Series 2002A,			
	5.375%, 12/20/22			
	Suffolk County Industrial Development			
	Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue			
25	Bonds, Special	7/16 at 100.00	N/R	24,598
	Needs Facilities Pooled Program, Series			
	2008-B1, 5.500%, 7/01/18			
	Yonkers Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facilities Revenue Bonds, Special			
275	Needs	7/16 at 101.00	N/R	270,578
213	Facilities Pooled Program Bonds, Series	7/10 at 101.00	11/1	270,376
	2008-C1, 5.500%, 7/01/18			
3,255	Total Long-Term Care			3,298,965
, -	Materials -0.2%			, ,-
	Jefferson County Industrial Development			
	Agency, New York, Solid Waste Disposal	12/13 at		
90	Revenue Bonds,	100.00	BBB	92,794

	International Paper Company Project, Series 2003A, 5.200%, 12/01/20 (Alternative			
	Minimum Tax)			
	Tax Obligation/General – 6.1%			
	New York City, New York, General Obligation	1		
	Bonds, Fiscal 2008 Series D, 5.125%,	12/17 at		
1,260	12/01/25	100.00	AA	1,481,256
1,200	New York City, New York, General Obligation		1111	1,101,250
10	Bonds, Fiscal Series 2004C, 5.250%, 8/15/16 New York City, New York, General Obligation	8/14 at 100.00	AA	10,777
200	Bonds, Fiscal Series 2005J, 5.000%, 3/01/19 – FGIC Insured	3/15 at 100.00	AA	218,582
	New York City, New York, General Obligation	1		
1,000	Bonds, Fiscal Series 2006J-1, 5.000%, 6/01/25		AA	1,126,970
,	Yonkers, New York, General Obligation			
	Bonds, Series 2011A, 5.000%, 10/01/24 – AGM	M 10/21 at		
600	Insured	100.00	AA-	694,470
3,070	Total Tax Obligation/General			3,532,055
	Tax Obligation/Limited – 29.7%			
	Battery Park City Authority, New York, Lease	11/13 at		
600	Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Series 2003A, 5.000%, 11/01/23	100.00	AAA	622,626
	Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation, New			
	York, Revenue Bonds, Senior Fiscal 2012			
2,000	Series	2/21 at 100.00	A	2,376,640
	2011A, 5.750%, 2/15/47			
	Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation, New			
1.500	York, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%,	2/17 . 100.00		1.506.010
1,500	2/15/47	2/17 at 100.00	A	1,586,910
	New York City Sales Tax Asset Receivable			
	Corporation, New York, Dedicated Revenue			
	Bonds, Local Government Assistance Corporation Series			
	Government Assistance Corporation, Series 2004A:			
	2004A.	10/14 at		
250	5.000%, 10/15/25 – NPFG Insured	100.00	AAA	269,123
250	3.000 %, 10/13/23 1411 G Insured	10/14 at	7 17 17 1	207,123
200	5.000%, 10/15/26 – NPFG Insured	100.00	AAA	214,130
		10/14 at		,
1,225	5.000%, 10/15/29 – AMBAC Insured	100.00	AAA	1,309,060
,	New York City Transitional Finance Authority.			
	New York, Building Aid Revenue Bonds,			
600	Fiscal Series	1/17 at 100.00	AA-	672,552
	2007S-2, 5.000%, 1/15/28 – FGIC Insured			
	New York City Transitional Finance Authority.	,		
	New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Fiscal			
10	Series	2/13 at 100.00	AAA	10,038
	2003E, 5.000%, 2/01/23 – FGIC Insured			
	New York City Transitional Finance Authority			
	New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Fiscal	11/17 at		
550	Series	100.00	AAA	641,735

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	2007C-1, 5.000%, 11/01/27			
	New York City Transitional Finance Authority	,		
	New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Tender			
535	Option	5/19 at 100.00	AAA	732,987
	Bond Trust 3545, 13.596%, 5/01/32 (IF)			,
	New York City Transitional Finance Authority	,		
	New York, Future Tax Secured Revenue	,		
1,000	Bonds,	2/21 at 100.00	AAA	1,202,150
1,000	SubSeries 2011D-1, 5.250%, 2/01/30	2/21 at 100.00	AAA	1,202,130
	New York State Environmental Facilities			
		10/17 -4		
775	Corporation, State Personal Income Tax	12/17 at	A A A	907.297
775	Revenue Bonds,	100.00	AAA	897,287
	Series 2008A, 5.000%, 12/15/26 (UB)			
	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway			
	and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Second General			
250	Series	4/14 at 100.00	AA	261,708
	2004A, 5.000%, 4/01/21 – NPFG Insured			
	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway			
	and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2007,	10/17 at		
425	5.000%,	100.00	AA	481,415
	4/01/27			
	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway			
	and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2005B,			
570	5.500%,	No Opt. Call	AA	725,838
	4/01/20 – AMBAC Insured (UB) (4)			
	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing	5		
	Corporation, Tobacco Settlement			
	Asset-Backed and			
	State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds,			
	Series 2003A-1:			
1,000	5.250%, 6/01/20 – AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AA-	1,019,970
250	5.250%, 6/01/21 – AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AA-	254,908
-00	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing		1 1	20 .,, 00
	Corporation, Tobacco Settlement	>		
500	Asset-Backed and	6/13 at 100.00	AA-	510,335
300	State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds,	0/13 dt 100.00	7171	310,333
	Series 2003B-1C, 5.500%, 6/01/21			
	New York State Urban Development			
	Corporation, State Personal Income Tax			
1 000	-	3/21 at 100.00	AAA	1 100 060
1,000	Revenue Bonds, Series	3/21 at 100.00	AAA	1,188,060
	2011A, 5.000%, 3/15/29			
	New York State Urban Development			
1.000	Corporation, State Personal Income Tax	2/17 - 100 00		1 240 100
1,000	Revenue Bonds,	3/17 at 100.00	AAA	1,340,100
	Tender Option Bond Trust 09-6W, 13.782%,			
	3/15/37 (IF) (4)			
	Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation,			
	Sales Tax Revenue Bonds, Senior Series			
4,000	2011C,	No Opt. Call	AA–	910,680
	0.000%, 8/01/39			
18,240	Total Tax Obligation/Limited			17,228,252

	Transportation – 9.9% Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation Revenue Bonds, Series			
500	2003A, 5.000%, 11/15/15 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	A	560,800
250	New York Liberty Development Corporation, Liberty Revenue Bonds, 4 World Trade Center Project, Series 2011, 5.000%, 11/15/44 New York State Thruway Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2005G, 5.000%,	11/21 at 100.00	A+	280,915
100	1/01/30 – AGM Insured	7/15 at 100.00	AA-	108,750
1,050	New York State Thruway Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series2012I, 5.000%, 1/01/42 Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Consolidated Revenue Bonds, One Hundred	1/22 at 100.00	A+	1,175,433
105	Fortieth Series 2005, 5.000%, 12/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	6/15 at 101.00	AA-	113,745
120	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Consolidated Revenue Bonds, One Hundred	0/17 . 100.00		150 (50
120	Forty Eighth Series 2007, Trust 2920, 17.424%, 8/15/32 – AGM Insured (IF) Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Special Project Bonds, JFK International Air Terminal	8/17 at 100.00	AA–	173,678
	LLC Project, Eighth Series 2010:			
290	6.500%, 12/01/28	12/15 at 100.00 12/20 at	BBB-	322,297
215	6.000%, 12/01/36 Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, New York, General Purpose Revenue Bonds,	100.00	BBB-	256,138
5,500	Refunding Series 2012B, 0.000%, 11/15/32	No Opt. Call	AA-	2,757,315
8,130	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 4.8% (5) Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Judicial Facilities Lease Revenue Bonds,			5,749,071
630	Suffolk County Issue, Series 1986, 7.375%, 7/01/16 (ETM) Dormitory Authority of the State of New York,	No Opt. Call	Aaa	708,901
670	Revenue Bonds, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Series 2003-1, 5.000%, 7/01/21 (Pre-refunded 7/01/13) – NPFG Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AA (5)	685,738
500	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Winthrop-South Nassau	7/13 at 100.00	Baa1 (5)	512,995

	University Hospital Association, Series 2003A, 5.500%, 7/01/32 (Pre-refunded 7/01/13) Erie County Industrial Development Agency,			
500	New York, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Buffalo City School District, Series 2004, 5.750%, 5/01/26 (Pre-refunded 5/01/14) – AGM Insured	5/14 at 100.00	AA- (5)	536,145
290	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 2004C, 5.250%, 8/15/16 (Pre-refunded 8/15/14)		Aa2 (5)	313,041
2,590	Total U.S. Guaranteed			2,756,820
35	Utilities – 5.4% Guam Power Authority, Revenue Bonds, Series 2012A, 5.000%, 10/01/34	10/22 at 100.00	BBB	39,040
	Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System General Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A:			
570	5.000%, 12/01/23 – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	A	633,053
430	5.000%, 12/01/25 – FGIC Insured Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Refunding	6/16 at 100.00	A	475,907
1,000	Series 2009A, 5.700%, 4/01/30 Long Island Power Authority, New York,	4/19 at 100.00	A	1,195,230
400	Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A, 5.000%, 5/01/38	5/21 at 100.00	A	447,780
360	Niagara Area Development Corporation, New York, Solid Waste Disposal Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds, Covanta Energy Project, Series 2012A, 5.250%, 11/01/42	No Opt. Call	BB+	368,134
2,795	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 4.2% New York City Municipal Water Finance			3,159,144
275	Authority, New York, Water and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 3484, 17.835%, 6/15/32 (IF) New York State Environmental Facilities	6/18 at 100.00	AA+	422,521
1,840	Corporation, State Clean Water and Drinking Water	6/16 at 100.00	AAA	2,027,549
	Revolving Funds Revenue Bonds, New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority Projects, Series 2006A, 4.750%, 6/15/29			
2,115	Total Water and Sewer			2,450,070
58,330	Total Investments (cost \$53,512,397) – 99.2% Floating Rate Obligations – (1.7)% Other Assets Less Liabilities – 2.5% Net Assets – 100%		\$	57,562,603 (1,005,000) 1,479,993 58,037,596

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Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The following is a summary of the three-tiered hierarchy of valuation input levels.

Level 1 – Inputs are unadjusted and prices are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Prices are determined using other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – Prices are determined using significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of the end of the reporting period:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Long-Term Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$ -	\$ 57,562,603	\$ -\$	57,562,603

The Nuveen funds' Board of Directors/Trustees is responsible for the valuation process and has delegated the oversight of the daily valuation process to the Adviser's Valuation Committee. The Valuation Committee, pursuant to the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors/Trustees, is responsible for making fair value determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the funds' pricing policies, and reporting to the Board of Directors/Trustees. The Valuation Committee is aided in its efforts by the Adviser's dedicated Securities Valuation Team, which is responsible for administering the daily valuation process and applying fair value methodologies as approved by the Valuation Committee. When determining the reliability of independent pricing services for investments owned by the funds, the Valuation Committee, among other things, conducts due diligence reviews of the pricing services and monitors the quality of security prices received through various testing reports conducted by the Securities Valuation Team.

The Valuation Committee will consider pricing methodologies it deems relevant and appropriate when making fair value determinations. Examples of possible methodologies include, but are not limited to, multiple of earnings; discount from market of a similar freely traded security; discounted cash-flow analysis; book value or a multiple thereof; risk premium/yield analysis; yield to maturity; and/or fundamental investment analysis. The Valuation Committee will also consider factors it deems relevant and appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances. Examples of possible factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security; the issuer's financial statements; the purchase price of the security; the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase; analysts' research and observations from financial institutions; information regarding any transactions or

offers with respect to the security; the existence of merger proposals or tender offers affecting the security; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable companies; and the existence of a shelf registration for restricted securities.

For each portfolio security that has been fair valued pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Directors/Trustees, the fair value price is compared against the last available and next available market quotations. The Valuation Committee reviews the results of such testing and fair valuation occurrences are reported to the Board of Directors/Trustees.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate securities reflected as financing transactions, if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

As of December 31, 2012, the cost of investments was \$52,499,046.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments as of December 31, 2012, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:

Appreciation \$4,207,638

Depreciation (145,488)

Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments \$4,062,150

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.
- Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
- (3) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.
- (4) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in inverse floating rate transactions.
- (5) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities, which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities.
- N/R Not rated.
- (ETM) Escrowed to maturity.
- (IF) Inverse floating rate investment.
- (UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen New York Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy

Kevin J. McCarthy

Vice President and Secretary

Date: March 1, 2013

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman

Gifford R. Zimmerman

Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date: March 1, 2013

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy

Stephen D. Foy

Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date: March 1, 2013