

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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 16, 2009**

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of organization)

**001-5324**  
(Commission File Number)

**04-2147929**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Federal Street, Building 111-4**

**Springfield, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**01105**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(860) 665-5000**

**Not Applicable**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Section 8**

**Other Events**

**Item 8.01.**

**Other Events.**

On March 16, 2009, Northeast Utilities issued a news release announcing a public offering of its common shares. A copy of the news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Also attached is the consent of Day Pitney LLP to the reference to its name under the caption "Legal Opinions" in the preliminary prospectus supplement dated March 16, 2009 and the related final prospectus supplement regarding the public offering of common shares of Northeast Utilities.

**Section 9**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01.**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

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**Exhibits.**

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|-----------------------|--|
| 23.1                  | Consent of Day Pitney LLP.                                       |
| 99.1                  | News Release issued by Northeast Utilities dated March 16, 2009. |

**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)

March 16, 2009

By:

/s/ GREGORY B. BUTLER

Gregory B. Butler

Senior Vice President and General Counsel