NORTHEAST UTILITIES Form S-4 POS March 25, 2008

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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

04-2147929

(State of Incorporation)

(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 25<sup>th</sup> 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
/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
Sanford Cloud, Jr.	Trustee	March 25, 2008
James F. Cordes	Trustee	March 25, 2008
E. Gail de Planque	Trustee	March 25, 2008
John G. Graham	Trustee	March 25, 2008
Elizabeth T. Kennan	Trustee	March 25, 2008
Kenneth Liebler	Trustee Trustee	March 25, 2008 March 25, 2008

#### 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