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> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-1004

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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 29, 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 (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or Identification No.) organization)

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

_____ (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(413) 785-5871 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable _____

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

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

The material attached hereto as Exhibit 99, which is incorporated in this Item 9 News Release 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)

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By: /s/ Gregory B. Butler Name: Gregory B. Butler Title: Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

Date: October 29, 2001