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Form 35-CERT  
June 12, 2001

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

Application of Northeast )	CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO
Utilities on Form U-1 )	RULE 24 UNDER THE PUBLIC
File No. 70-9853 )	UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT
)	of 1935

Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 24 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended (the "Act"), Northeast Utilities certifies that the issuance of guarantees by Northeast Utilities for the benefit of Holyoke Water Power Company, as proposed in the Application/Declaration to the Commission on Form U-1 (File No. 70-9853), as amended, and authorized by order of the Commission in Public Utility Holding Company Act Release No. 35-27407, dated May 25, 2001, has been carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of and for the purposes represented by the Application/Declaration and of the Commission's order with respect thereto.

Submitted with this Certificate is the "past tense" opinion of counsel.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, Northeast Utilities has duly caused this Certificate to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Northeast Utilities

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

Dated: June 12, 2001.