

NSTAR/MA  
Form 425  
July 07, 2011

**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): **July 6, 2011**

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**

**001-5324**

**04-2147929**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of organization)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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

**Springfield, Massachusetts**

**01105**

(Address of principal executive  
offices)

(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))

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**Section 8**

**Other Events**

**Item 8.01**

**Other Events.**

On July 6, 2011, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order authorizing the merger of and related transactions between Northeast Utilities (NU) and NSTAR as proposed by the companies. NU and NSTAR had filed their joint application seeking authorization from the FERC on January 7, 2011. With the issuance of the FERC order, NU and NSTAR have received all but two of the regulatory approvals required for consummation of the merger. The companies are awaiting approvals from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (MDPU). Evidentiary hearings before the MDPU began on July 6, 2011 and are scheduled to conclude by the end of July.

A copy of the FERC order can be found on the FERC's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp> by selecting "Docket Search" and entering docket number EC11-35.

For further information regarding the proposed NU - NSTAR merger, please refer to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Registration No. 333-170754) filed by NU with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in connection with the merger, NU's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on February 25, 2011 and its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2011, filed with the SEC on May 6, 2011.

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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)

By: /S/ JAY S. BUTH

Name: Jay S. Buth

Title: Vice President-Accounting and Controller

Date: July 7, 2011