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Form U-1/A May 16, 2002

NO. 70-9839

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 12

TO

APPLICATION/DECLARATION

ON

FORM U-1

UNDER THE

PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935

Northeast Utilities
Western Massachusetts Electric Company
174 Brush Hill Road
West Springfield, MA 01089

The Connecticut Light and Power Company 107 Selden Street Berlin, CT 06037

(Names of companies filing this statement and addresses of principal executive offices)

NORTHEAST UTILITIES (Name of top registered holding company)

Gregory B. Butler

Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel
Northeast Utilities Service Company
107 Selden Street
Berlin, CT 06037

(Name and address of agent for service)

The Commission is requested to mail signed copies of all orders, notices and communications to:

Jeffrey C. Miller, Esq. David R. McHale

Assistant General Counsel Vice President and Treasurer Northeast Utilities Service Northeast Utilities Service

Company Company

107 Selden Street 107 Selden Street Berlin, CT 06037 Berlin, CT 06037

The Application/Declaration in this file, as heretofore amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Authorization Period to the period through December 31, 2004 by replacing "December 31, 2003" in Paragraph 1 of Item 1 with "December 31, 2004".

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, the undersigned companies

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have duly caused this statement to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

By: /s/ Randy A. Shoop Name: Randy A. Shoop

Title: Assistant Treasurer - Finance - Northeast

Utilities Service Company,

as Agent for the above named companies.

Date: May 16, 2002