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File No. 70-9839

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

Application of Northeast Utilities,) CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO RULE 24
 The Connecticut Light and Power Company,) UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING
 Western Massachusetts Electric Company,) COMPANY ACT OF 1935
 on Form U-1)

Pursuant to the requirements of Rules 42, 43, 44, 46(a) and 54 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, Northeast Utilities ("NU"), a registered holding company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECO"), an electric utility subsidiary of NU and The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P"), an electric utility subsidiary of NU, hereby files this quarterly report as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission's order authorizing the repurchase of common stock out of capital or unearned surplus from parent. (HCAR No. 35-27529, May 16, 2002, File No. 70-9839) ("Order").

For the quarter ended December 31, 2002, the following information is reported pursuant to the Order.

- 1) A total capitalization calculation to include a breakdown of the common stock equity account and by percentage for each equity and debt category for the period ending for each Applicant that indicates the amount of dividends paid to NU and/or the amount of stock repurchased from NU during the quarter; total capitalization is to include all short-term debt and current maturities.

The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P)

| ----- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| As of December 31, 2002 | | |
| ----- | | |
| | (Thousands of Dollars) | % |
| ----- | | |
| Common shareholders' equity: | | |
| Common shares | \$ 60,352 | 2.1% |
| Capital surplus, paid in | 326,936 | 11.3 |
| Retained earnings | 308,554 | 10.7 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total common shareholders' equity | 695,842 | 24.1 |
| Preferred stock | 116,200 | 4.0 |
| Long-term and short-term debt | 827,866 | 28.7 |
| Rate reduction bonds | 1,245,728 | 43.2 |
| | \$2,885,636 | 100.0% |
| | ===== | ===== |

A common dividend of \$15,054,506.74 was declared on November 20, 2002, and was paid to NU on December 2, 2002. 776,789 shares of common stock were repurchased for \$49,994,140.04 on December 3, 2002.

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Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO)

| As of December 31, 2002 | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| | (Thousands of Dollars) | % |
| | | |
| Common shareholders' equity: | | |
| Common shares | \$ 10,866 | 2.2% |
| Capital surplus, paid in | 69,618 | 14.1 |
| Retained earnings | 77,476 | 15.6 |
| | | |
| Total common shareholders' equity | 157,960 | 31.9 |
| Long-term and short-term debt | 194,891 | 39.3 |
| Rate reduction bonds | 142,742 | 28.8 |
| | | |
| | \$495,593 | 100.0% |
| | | |

A common dividend of \$4,003,154.13 was declared on December 19, 2002, and was paid to NU on December 30, 2002.

- 2) The current senior debt ratings of CL&P and WMECO, including a representation that such ratings are at or above investment grade.

As of December 31, 2002, the senior debt ratings issued by Standard and Poor's Corporation and Moody's of CL&P and WMECO are each BBB+ and A3, respectively, which are investment grade ratings.

- 3) The Utilities' cash-on-hand both during the quarter and as of the end of each quarter and a representation as to whether internal cash funds available during the quarter were sufficient to fund each company's normal business operations or had to be supplemented with borrowings from working capital facilities.

CL&P and WMECO represent that during the quarter ended December 31, 2002, internal cash funds available during the quarter, confirmed with financing activities set forth below, were sufficient to fund each company's normal business operations.

Internal cash funds available during the quarter were supplemented with external borrowings for WMECO.

| | Cash beginning of period 10/1/2002 | Net cash flows provided by operating activities | Net cash flows provided by investing activities | Net cash flows (used in) financing activities | Cash end of period 12/31/2002 |
|------------------------|---|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| (Thousands of Dollars) | | | | | |
| CL&P | \$7,827 | \$83,165 | \$ 1,853 | \$(92,686) | \$159 |
| WMECO | 1 | 7,255 | 47,114 | (54,247) | 123 |

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the undersigned companies have duly caused this certificate to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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

/s/ John P. Stack

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