

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 8-K  
October 13, 2005

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

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) October 12, 2005

| Commission<br>File Number<br>----- | Registrant; State of Incorporation<br>Address; and Telephone Number<br>-----  | I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.<br>----- |
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| 1-5324                             | NORTHEAST UTILITIES<br>(a Massachusetts voluntary association)<br>One Federal Street, Building 111-4<br>Springfield, Massachusetts 01105<br>Telephone: (413) 785-5871 | 04-2147929                                     |

Not Applicable  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Section 8 -**

**Other Events**

**Item 8.01**

**Other Events**

In a decision dated October 12, 2005, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ("Second Circuit") held that the shareholders of Northeast Utilities ("NU") had no right to sue Consolidated Edison, Inc. ("CEI") for its alleged breach of the parties' merger agreement dated October 13, 1999 and reversed the March 21, 2003 opinion and order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York insofar as it denied CEI's motion for summary judgment as to NU's claim for the shareholder premium arising out of such breach.

For further information about this matter, reference is made to Item 3. Legal Proceedings in NU's Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2004 and Part II. Item 1. Legal Proceedings of its Forms 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2005 and June 30, 2005.

The PDF below is an attachment with the Second Circuit's decision. To view the decision, please access the following link:

<http://nuwnotes1.nu.com/apps/corporatecommunications/empinfo.nsf/0/9D6FEF3E188C2D0E852570980073E136?OpenDocu>

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, this registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Randy A. Shoop

Name: Randy A. Shoop

Title: Vice President and Treasurer

Date: October 12, 2005