

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
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Registration No. 33-34622

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, DC 20549**

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO  
FORM S-3**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Massachusetts**  
(State of Incorporation)

**04-2147929**  
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**One Federal Street, Building 111-4, Springfield, MA 01105 (413) 785-5871**  
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Principal Executive Offices)

Kerry J. Kuhlman

Vice President and Secretary

Northeast Utilities Service Company  
107 Selden Street  
Berlin, CT 06037  
(860) 665-5000

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of Agent for Service)



This Post-Effective Amendment No. 3 to Form S-3 Registration Statement is being filed solely to remove from registration an aggregate of 2,888,514 of the Registrant's Common Shares that were registered and will not be issued in connection with the Registrant's offering.

On April 30, 1990 and August 4, 1994, respectively, Northeast Utilities (the Registrant) filed its Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 33-34622) (the Registration Statement) and Post Effective Amendment No. 1 thereto with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the registration of an aggregate of 10 million of the Registrant's common shares which were to be issued in connection with the Registrant's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the Plan). On June 25, 2008, the Registrant filed its Post Effective Amendment No. 2.

On February 2, 2001, the Registrant suspended share purchases under the Plan and no further shares of Registrant common shares will be issued under the Plan.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, Northeast Utilities, the Registrant, certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Berlin, State of Connecticut on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
(REGISTRANT)

By:

/s/ Charles W. Shivery

Charles W. Shivery  
*Chairman of the Board,  
President and Chief Executive Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated. Each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes Gregory B. Butler, Kerry J. Kuhlman and Jeffrey C. Miller, and each of them singly, their true and lawful attorneys, with full power to each such attorney to sign for them in their names, in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments to this registration statement, hereby ratifying and confirming such person's signature as it may be signed by said attorneys to any and all amendments to said registration statement.

<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
/s/ Charles W. Shivery		
Charles W. Shivery	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer and a Trustee	July 16, 2008
/s/ David R. McHale		
David R. McHale	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	July 16, 2008
/s/ Shirley M. Payne		

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Shirley M. Payne                      Vice President Accounting and Controller                      July 16, 2008

/s/ Richard H. Booth

Richard H. Booth    Trustee    July 16, 2008

/s/ John S. Clarkeson

John S. Clarkeson    Trustee    July 16, 2008

/s/ Cotton M. Cleveland

Cotton M. Cleveland    Trustee    July 16, 2008

/s/ Sanford Cloud, Jr.

Sanford Cloud, Jr.    Trustee    July 16, 2008

/s/ James F. Cordes

James F. Cordes

Trustee

July 16, 2008

/s/ E. Gail de Planque

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Trustee

July 16, 2008

/s/ John G. Graham

John G. Graham

Trustee

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/s/ Elizabeth T. Kennan

Elizabeth T. Kennan

Trustee

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/s/ Kenneth R. Liebler

Kenneth R. Liebler

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Trustee

/s/ Robert E. Patricelli

Robert E. Patricelli

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/s/ John F. Swope

John F. Swope

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