

EVERSOURCE ENERGY
Form 8-K
June 02, 2017

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

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): **June 2, 2017 (June 1, 2017)**

EVERSOURCE ENERGY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts
(State or other jurisdiction
of organization)

1-5324
(Commission File Number)

04-2147929
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

300 Cadwell Drive
Springfield, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

01104
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(800) 286-5000**

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):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Section 8

Other Events

Item 8.01

Other Events.

On June 1, 2017, Eversource Energy entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with certain subsidiaries and affiliates of Macquarie Utilities Holdings, GP, pursuant to which Eversource Energy will acquire 100% of the outstanding equity interests of Macquarie Utilities Inc. (Macquarie Utilities) for a total equity purchase price of approximately \$880 million in cash, plus assumed debt. Subject to receipt of required regulatory approvals, the closing of the transaction is expected to occur by December 31, 2017. Macquarie Utilities owns Aquarion Water Company of Connecticut, Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts and Aquarion Water Company of New Hampshire.

The closing of the transaction is subject to various customary conditions, including, among others, (a) receipt of all required regulatory approvals from the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission and (b) expiration or termination of the applicable Hart-Scott-Rodino Act waiting period.

On June 2, 2017, Eversource Energy issued a press release announcing the pending acquisition of Macquarie Utilities. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Section 9

Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01

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Exhibits.

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| <u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release of Eversource Energy, issued June 2, 2017. |

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SIGNATURE

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

EVERSOURCE ENERGY

(Registrant)

June 2, 2017

By:

/S/ JAY S. BUTH

Jay S. Buth

Vice President, Controller and

Chief Accounting Officer

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