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Form 8-K  
January 27, 2004

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) January 27, 2004

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Commission File Number 1-5324  
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NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MASSACHUSETTS

04-2147929  
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(State or other jurisdiction of  
organization)

(I.R.S. Employer incorporation or  
Identification No.)

174 BRUSH HILL AVENUE, WEST SPRINGFIELD,  
MASSACHUSETTS 01090-0010  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(413) 785-5871

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

ITEM 9. Regulation FD Disclosure and

ITEM 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 27, 2004, Northeast Utilities issued a press release announcing unaudited results of operations for the three and twelve month periods ending December 31, 2003. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1. Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, which are incorporated in Item 9 by reference hereto, are furnished pursuant to Regulation FD.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Northeast Utilities Press Release dated January 27, 2004.

Exhibit 99.2 Financial Report for the three and twelve month periods ending December 31, 2003.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the 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: Assistant Treasurer - Finance

Date: January 27, 2004