

NORTHEAST UTILITIES
Form 8-K
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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): **July 2, 2009**

Commission

File Number

Registrant; State of
Incorporation

Address: and
Telephone Number

I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.

1-5324

**NORTHEAST
UTILITIES**

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(a Massachusetts
voluntary association)

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**WESTERN
MASSACHUSETTS
ELECTRIC**

COMPANY

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corporation)

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Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Section 7 Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 2, 2009, Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO) notified holders of its four series of outstanding unsecured senior notes (Senior Notes) that it had filed a petition with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (the DPU) in which WMECO proposed to amend and restate the related September 1, 2003 Indenture (the Indenture) to collateralize the Senior Notes with a first mortgage lien on WMECO 's property. Such amendment and restatement is subject to approval by the DPU and a subsequent decision by WMECO to issue first mortgage bonds to finance future capital needs. Under the terms of the Indenture, if WMECO were to issue first mortgage bonds, it will be obligated to secure the Senior Notes equally and ratably with such first mortgage bonds.

See WMECO 's notice to holders of Senior Notes attached as Exhibit 99.1 for additional information.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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Exhibits.

	Exhibit Number
Description	
	99.1
Notice to holders of Senior Notes, dated July 2, 2009.	

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SIGNATURE

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

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY

(Registrants)

July 2, 2009

By:

/s/ Randy A. Shoop

Randy A. Shoop

Vice President and Treasurer