

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 8-K  
May 19, 2008

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

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**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): **May 13, 2008**

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of organization)

**001-5324**  
(Commission File Number)

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

**One Federal Street, Building 111-4**

**Springfield, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**01105**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(860) 665-5000**

**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):

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



**Section 5 –**

**Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02.**

**Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(c)

**Election of Chief Operating Officer**

(1)

On May 13, 2008, the Board of Trustees of Northeast Utilities (NU) elected Leon J. Olivier Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of NU.

(2)

Mr. Olivier is 59 years old. He will hold this position until the next annual election of officers and until his successor is elected. Prior to this election, he held various senior positions at NU, including Executive Vice President-Operations (2007-May 13, 2008); Executive Vice President (2005-2007); and President Transmission Group (2005). Since January 2007 he has also been Chief Executive Officer of NU's principal operating companies, The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P), Public Service Company of New Hampshire, Western Massachusetts Electric Company and Yankee Gas Services Company, and holds various senior management positions with several other of NU's direct and indirect subsidiaries. He was President and Chief Operating Officer of CL&P from September 2001 to January 2005. There is no family relationship between Mr. Olivier and any Trustee, Director or executive officer of NU or any of its subsidiaries.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

**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)

May 16, 2008

By:

/s/ Kerry J. Kuhlman

Kerry J. Kuhlman

Vice President and Secretary