

NORTHEAST UTILITIES SYSTEM  
Form U-1/A  
March 18, 2003

File No. 70-10051

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 3  
TO  
FORM U-1

APPLICATION/DECLARATION

Under

THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
107 Selden Street  
Berlin, CT 01037

(Name of companies filing this statement and address  
of principal executive offices)

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
(Name of top registered holding company)

Gregory Butler, Esq.  
Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel  
Northeast Utilities Service Company  
P.O. Box 270  
Hartford, Connecticut 06141-0270  
(Name of address of agent for service)

The Commission is requested to mail signed copies of all  
orders, notices and communications to:

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| David R. McHale                        | Jeffrey C. Miller                      |
| Vice President and Treasurer           | Assistant General Counsel              |
| Northeast Utilities Service<br>Company | Northeast Utilities Service<br>Company |
| 107 Selden Street                      | 107 Selden Street                      |
| Berlin, CT 06037                       | Berlin, CT 06037                       |

The Application/Declaration in this File, as heretofore  
amended, is hereby further amended and restated to read as  
follows:

"ITEM 1. Description of Proposed Transaction

1. Northeast Utilities ("NU") is a public utility holding  
company registered under the Public Utility Holding Company  
Act of 1935, as amended (the "Act"). NU files this  
Application/Declaration under the Act to seek authorization  
concerning long-term debt issuances at the NU level.  
Specifically, NU is requesting authorization through the  
period ending June 30, 2005 (the "Authorization Period"):

- (i) to issue from time to time unsecured long-term debt  
securities ("Long-term Debt") in an aggregate amount at any  
time outstanding not to exceed \$600 million;