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File No. 70-9541

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

Application of Northeast Utilities, )  
 The Connecticut Light and Power Company, )  
 Public Service Company of New Hampshire, )  
 Western Massachusetts Electric Company, )  
 North Atlantic Energy Corporation, )  
 NU Enterprises, Inc., ) CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO RULE 24  
 Northeast Generation Company, ) UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING  
 Northeast Generation Services Company, ) COMPANY ACT OF 1935  
 Select Energy, Inc., )  
 Select Energy Services, Inc., )  
 Select Energy Contracting, Inc., )  
 Reeds Ferry Supply Co., Inc., )  
 on Form U-1

Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 24 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, Northeast Utilities ("NU"), a registered holding company, hereby files this quarterly report as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission's order authorizing the payment of dividends out of capital or unearned surplus and/or the repurchase of capital stock. (HCAR No. 35-27147, March 7, 2000, File No. 70-9541) ("Order").

For the quarter ended March 31, 2004, the following information is reported pursuant to the Order:

- 1) A total capitalization calculation to include a breakdown of the common stock equity account and by percentage for each equity and debt category for the period ending for each Applicant that indicates the amount, if any, of dividends paid to NU and/or the amount of repurchased stock from NU during the quarter; total capitalization is to include all short-term debt and current maturities.

The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P)

	As of March 31, 2004	
	(Thousands of	
	Dollars)	%
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Common shareholders' equity:		
Common shares	\$ 60,352	2.1%
Capital surplus, paid in	331,238	11.3
Retained earnings	326,248	11.2
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Total common shareholders' equity	717,838	24.6
Preferred stock	116,200	4.0
Long-term and short-term debt	991,169	34.0
Rate reduction bonds	1,090,277	37.4
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\$2,915,484 100.0%  
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A common dividend of \$11,768,649.75 was declared on March 17, 2004, and was paid to NU on March 31, 2004.

Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH)

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As of March 31, 2004		
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	(Thousands of	
	Dollars)	%
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Common shareholders' equity:		
Common shares	\$ -	- %
Capital surplus, paid in	156,415	12.1
Retained earnings	229,520	17.8
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Total common shareholders' equity	385,935	29.9
Long-term and short-term debt	442,285	34.3
Rate reduction bonds	461,974	35.8
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	\$1,290,194	100.0%
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A common dividend of \$6,062,001.54 was declared on March 17, 2004, and was paid to NU on March 31, 2004.

Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO)

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As of March 31, 2004		
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	(Thousands of	
	Dollars)	%
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Common shareholders' equity:		
Common shares	\$ 10,866	2.3%
Capital surplus, paid in	75,944	15.8
Retained earnings	73,602	15.3
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Total common shareholders' equity	160,412	33.4
Long-term and short-term debt	189,726	39.5
Rate reduction bonds	130,248	27.1
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	\$480,386	100.0%
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A common dividend of \$1,621,255.69 was declared on March 17, 2004, and was paid to NU on March 31, 2004.

There were no other dividends paid to NU and/or repurchased stock from NU for the other applicants during this quarter.

- 2) The current senior debt rating of each Applicant to include a representation that the rating is at or above investment grade.

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As of March 31, 2004, the senior secured (or, in the case of WMECO, senior unsecured) debt ratings issued by Standard and Poor's Corporation of CL&P, PSNH and WMECO are A-, BBB+ and BBB+, respectively. Each company represents that such ratings are "investment grade" ratings. NAEC does not presently have debt ratings of any kind.

- 3) The amount of cash-on-hand both during the quarter and as of the end of each quarter for CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and NAEC to include a representation as to whether internal cash funds available during the quarter were sufficient to fund each company's normal business operations or had to be supplemented with borrowings from working capital facilities.

NU represents that during the quarter ended March 31, 2004, internal cash funds available during the quarter, confirmed with financing activities set forth below, were sufficient to fund each company's normal business operations.

	Cash beginning of period 01/1/2004 -----	Net cash flows provided by/ (used in) operating activities -----	Net cash Flows (used in)/ provided by investing activities -----	Net cash flows (used in)/ provided by financing activities -----	Cash end of period 03/31/2004 -----
(Thousands of Dollars)					
CL&P	\$5,814	\$48,467	\$(11,449)	\$(42,831)	\$ 1
PSNH	2,737	68,912	(39,216)	26,368	6,065
WMECO	1	14,136	(16,294)	2,158	1
NAEC	-	(256)	343	-	87

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the undersigned companies have duly caused this certificate to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

/s/ John P. Stack

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 Vice President - Accounting and Controller  
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