

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 8-K  
October 13, 2006

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) October 10, 2006

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NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MASSACHUSETTS	1-5324	04-2147929
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(State or other jurisdiction of organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

ONE FEDERAL STREET, BUILDING 111-4, SPRINGFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS 01105  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(860) 665-5500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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SECTION 5 - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Item 5.02

Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

(d)

On October 10, 2006 the Board of Trustees of Northeast Utilities (the Company ) elected Kenneth R. Leibler to serve as a Trustee of the Company, effective November 1, 2006. The Board appointed Mr. Leibler to the Audit Committee and Finance Committee. A copy of the Company s news release announcing Mr. Leibler s election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and incorporated by reference

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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Exhibits.

Exhibit

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
Exhibit 99.1	Northeast Utilities News Release dated October 13, 2006.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

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/ Kerry J. Kuhlman  
Name: Kerry J. Kuhlman  
Title: Vice President and Secretary

Date: October 13, 2006