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Form 8-K

November 15, 2004

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) November 15, 2004

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| 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

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(413) 785-5871
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

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

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

Section 7 - Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

Northeast Utilities is furnishing slides presented to the Wall Street Utility Group on November 15, 2004 under Regulation FD. Such slides are attached as 99.2, and are incorporated herein. The information contained in Exhibit 99.2 shall not be deemed "filed" with

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the Securities and Exchange Commission nor incorporated by reference in any registration statement filed by Northeast Utilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, unless specified otherwise.

Section 8 - Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events

On November 15, 2004, Northeast Utilities issued a news release announcing that it had lowered its projected 2005 earnings range to between \$1.10 per share and \$1.25 per share. NU's previous earnings range for 2005 had been between \$1.35 per share and \$1.45 per share. NU's earnings projections for 2004 remain between \$1.25 per share and \$1.35 per share. A copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit | Description |
|--------------|--|
| Exhibit 99.1 | Northeast Utilities News Release dated November 15, 2004. |
| Exhibit 99.2 | Slide Presentation made before the Wall Street Utility Group on November 15, 2004. |

[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/ Randy A. Shoop
Name: Randy A. Shoop
Title: Assistant Treasurer - Finance

Date: November 15, 2004