

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2010

**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): **January 19, 2010**

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**

**001-5324**

**04-2147929**

(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)

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):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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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.**

(b)

On January 19, 2010, James F. Cordes advised Northeast Utilities ( NU ) that he plans to retire from the NU Board of Trustees at the end of his current term on May 11, 2010.

**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)

January 21, 2010

By:

/s/ RANDY A. SHOOP

Randy A. Shoop

Vice President and Treasurer