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FILE NO. 70-9697

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 3 (FORM POS AMC) TO

FORM U-1

APPLICATION/DECLARATION UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935 WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUANCE OF RATE REDUCTION BONDS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

107 Selden Street Berlin, CT 06037

The Connecticut Light Western Massachusetts Electric Company and Power Company 174 Brush Hill Avenue West Springfield, MA 01090

> Public Service Company of New Hampshire 1000 Elm Street Manchester, NH 03101

(Names of companies filing this statement and addresses of principal executive offices)

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

(Name of top registered holding company)

Cheryl W. Grise' Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel Northeast Utilities Service Company 107 Selden Street Berlin, CT 06037 (Name and address of agent for service)

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

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The Application-Declaration in this File No. 70-9697 as heretofore amended is hereby further amended by filing the following exhibit and amending Item 6(b) accordingly:

ITEM 6 Exhibits

K. Common Equity Ratios

SIGNATURES

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

By: /S/Cheryl W. Grise

Name: Cheryl W. Grise

Title: Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel-

Northeast Utilities Service Company, as Agent for the above named companies.

Date: March 19, 2001