

NORTHEAST UTILITIES
Form 8-K
May 03, 2013

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

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): **May 3, 2013 (May 1, 2013)**

NORTHEAST UTILITIES

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts
(State or other jurisdiction
of organization)

001-5324
(Commission File Number)

04-2147929
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

One Federal Street, Building 111-4

Springfield, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

01105
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(860) 665-5000**

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 5**Corporate Governance and Management****Item 5.07****Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

(a)

Northeast Utilities (the Company) held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 1, 2013.

(b)

Shareholders voted on the proposals set forth below. For more information on the following proposals, see the Company's proxy statement dated March 20, 2013. On March 4, 2013, the record date for the Annual Meeting, there were 314,544,799 common shares outstanding and entitled to vote. At the Annual Meeting, 267,655,724.64 common shares were represented, in person or by proxy, constituting a quorum.

(1) Election of Trustees. The shareholders elected each of the 14 nominees to the Board of Trustees for a one-year term by a majority of the outstanding common shares:

| <u>Trustee</u> | <u>Votes For</u> | <u>Votes Withheld</u> | <u>Non-Votes</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Richard H. Booth | 221,723,811.15 | 4,646,431.87 | 41,243,999.00 |
| John S. Clarkeson | 222,443,855.04 | 3,926,387.98 | 41,243,999.00 |
| Cotton M. Cleveland | 221,653,628.74 | 4,716,614.28 | 41,243,999.00 |
| Sanford Cloud, Jr. | 221,071,716.62 | 5,298,526.40 | 41,243,999.00 |
| James S. DiStasio | 222,765,245.39 | 3,604,997.63 | 41,243,999.00 |
| Francis A. Doyle | 222,470,738.63 | 3,899,504.39 | 41,243,999.00 |
| Charles K. Gifford | 221,514,258.51 | 4,855,984.51 | 41,243,999.00 |
| Paul A. La Camera | 221,459,579.98 | 4,910,663.04 | 41,243,999.00 |
| Kenneth R. Leibler | 222,981,462.58 | 3,388,780.44 | 41,243,999.00 |
| Thomas J. May | 220,737,194.55 | 5,633,048.47 | 41,243,999.00 |
| Charles W. Shivery | 210,767,220.63 | 15,603,022.39 | 41,243,999.00 |
| William C. Van Faasen | 222,639,545.74 | 3,730,697.28 | 41,243,999.00 |

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| Frederica M. Williams | 222,529,801.25 | 3,840,441.77 | 41,243,999.00 |
| Dennis R. Wraase | 222,545,726.79 | 3,824,516.23 | 41,243,999.00 |

(2)

The shareholders approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's 2012 Named Executive Officers:

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|------------------|----------------|--------|
| Votes For | 190,983,066.64 | 86.59% |
| Votes Against | 29,575,285.68 | 13.41% |
| Abstentions | 5,853,373.32 | |
| Broker Non-Votes | 41,243,999.00 | |

(3)

The shareholders ratified the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent registered public accountants for 2013:

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Votes For | 261,172,684.24 |
| Votes Against | 4,742,782.83 |
| Abstentions | 1,739,208.58 |

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)

May 3, 2013

By:

/S/ GREGORY B. BUTLER

Gregory B. Butler

Senior Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary