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NORTHEAST UTILITIES SYSTEM Form 35-CERT May 27, 2004

File No. 70-9541

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

Application of Northeast Utilities,)
The Connecticut Light and Power Company,)
Public Service Company of New Hampshire,)
Western Massachusetts Electric Company,)
North Atlantic Energy Corporation,)
NU Enterprises, Inc.,) CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO RULE 24
Northeast Generation Company,) UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING
Northeast Generation Services Company,) COMPANY ACT OF 1935
Select Energy, Inc.,)
Select Energy Services, Inc.,)
Select Energy Contracting, Inc.,)
Reeds Ferry Supply Co., Inc.,)
on Form II-1	

Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 24 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, Northeast Utilities ("NU"), a registered holding company, hereby files this quarterly report as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission's order authorizing the payment of dividends out of capital or unearned surplus and/or the repurchase of capital stock. (HCAR No. 35-27147, March 7, 2000, File No. 70-9541) ("Order").

For the quarter ended March 31, 2004, the following information is reported pursuant to the Order:

1) A total capitalization calculation to include a breakdown of the common stock equity account and by percentage for each equity and debt category for the period ending for each Applicant that indicates the amount, if any, of dividends paid to NU and/or the amount of repurchased stock from NU during the quarter; total capitalization is to include all short-term debt and current maturities.

The Connecticut Light and Power Company (CL&P)

As of March 31, 2004

	(Thousands of		
	Dollars)	96	
Common shareholders' equity:			
Common shares	\$ 60,352	2.1%	
Capital surplus, paid in	331,238	11.3	
Retained earnings	326,248	11.2	
Total common shareholders' equity	717,838	24.6	
Preferred stock	116,200	4.0	
Long-term and short-term debt	991,169	34.0	
Rate reduction bonds	1,090,277	37.4	

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\$2,915,484 100.0%

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A common dividend of \$11,768,649.75 was declared on March 17, 2004, and was paid to NU on March 31, 2004.

Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH)

As of March 31, 2004 ______ (Thousands of Dollars) Common shareholders' equity: Common shares 156,415 12.1 229,520 17.8 Capital surplus, paid in Retained earnings _____ Total common shareholders' equity 385**,**935 29.9 Long-term and short-term debt 34.3 442,285 Rate reduction bonds 461,974 35.8 _____ 100.0% \$1,290,194

A common dividend of \$6,062,001.54 was declared on March 17, 2004, and was paid to NU on March 31, 2004.

Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO)

As of March 31, 2004 ______ (Thousands of _____ Dollars) Common shareholders' equity: \$ 10,866 Common shares 2.3% 15.8 Capital surplus, paid in 75,944 15.3 Retained earnings 73,602 -----33.4 160,412 Total common shareholders' equity Long-term and short-term debt 189,726 39.5 130,248 Rate reduction bonds 27.1 _____ \$480,386 100.0% ======

A common dividend of \$1,621,255.69 was declared on March 17, 2004, and was paid to NU on March 31, 2004.

There were no other dividends paid to NU and/or repurchased stock from NU for the other applicants during this quarter.

2) The current senior debt rating of each Applicant to include a representation that the rating is at or above investment grade.

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As of March 31, 2004, the senior secured (or, in the case of WMECO, senior unsecured) debt ratings issued by Standard and Poor's Corporation of CL&P, PSNH and WMECO are A-, BBB+ and BBB+, respectively. Each company represents that such ratings are "investment grade" ratings.

NAEC does not presently have debt ratings of any kind.

3) The amount of cash-on-hand both during the quarter and as of the end of each quarter for CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and NAEC to include a representation as to whether internal cash funds available during the quarter were sufficient to fund each company's normal business operations or had to be supplemented with borrowings from working capital facilities.

NU represents that during the quarter ended March 31, 2004, internal cash funds available during the quarter, confirmed with financing activities set forth below, were sufficient to fund each company's normal business operations.

	Cash beginning of period 01/1/2004	Net cash flows provided by/ (used in) operating activities	Net cash Flows (used in)/ provided by investing activities	Net cash flows (used in)/ provided by financing activities	Cash end of period 03/31/2004
CL&P	\$5,814	\$48,467	\$(11,449)	\$(42,831)	\$ 1
PSNH	2,737	68 , 912	(39,216)	26,368	6,065
WMECO	1	14,136	(16,294)	2,158	1
NAEC	_	(256)	343	_	87

SIGNATURE

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

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/s/ John P. Stack

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Vice President - Accounting and Controller Northeast Utilities P.O. Box 270 Hartford, CT 06141-0270 May 27, 2004