

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
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Washington, D.C. 20549  
**SCHEDULE 14A**

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### Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009

The Proxy Statement, Annual Report, and other Proxy Materials are available at:  
<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/nu>

*This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.*

*If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before April 28, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery.*

Dear Shareholder of Northeast Utilities:

The 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Northeast Utilities (the "Company") will be held at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel, One Monarch Place, Springfield, Massachusetts 01144, on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. (local time), for the following purposes:

- (1) To elect twelve nominees as Trustees, the names of whom are set forth in the company's Proxy Statement, for the ensuing year;
- (2) To ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for 2009; and
- (3) To transact any other business that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

**Management recommends a vote "FOR" the election of the nominees for Trustee and "FOR" the ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for 2009.**

The Board of Trustees has fixed the close of business on March 16, 2009 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders or any adjournment thereof.

**CONTROL NUMBER**

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Shareholders of record as of the Record Date are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting. Directions to the Annual Meeting where you may vote in person can be found in the Proxy Statement and on our website, [www.nu.com](http://www.nu.com).

**Meeting Location:**

Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel  
One Monarch Place  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01144

You can find directions to the Annual Meeting at: <http://www.nu.com>

**The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online:**

- The Company's 2009 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);
- The Company's Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2008 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and
- Any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to shareholders.

**To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials,** (you must reference your 11 digit control number)

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164** (outside of the U.S and Canada call 201-680-6688),  
Email: **[shrrelations@bnymellon.com](mailto:shrrelations@bnymellon.com)**  
Internet: **<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/nu>**

**ACCESSING YOUR PROXY MATERIALS ONLINE**

**YOU MUST REFERENCE YOUR 11-DIGIT CONTROL NUMBER WHEN YOU REQUEST  
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On the top right hand side of the website click on **Vote Now** to  
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