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POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT No. 2 (AMENDMENT NO. 7) TO FORM U-1

APPLICATION/DECLARATION UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935

Northeast Utilities Western Massachusetts Electric

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NU Enterprises, Inc.

Northeast Generation Company Northeast Generation Services

Company

Select Energy, Inc Select Energy, Inc

Select Energy New York, Inc.

E. S. Boulos Company

Select Energy Contracting, Inc.

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Yankee Energy Services Company Natick, MA 01760 Yankee Energy Financial Services

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Power Company 107 Selden Street Berlin, CT 06037

Public Service Company of

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Select Energy Services, Inc.

Woods Electrical Contracting, Inc. Reeds Ferry Supply Co., Inc.

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The Application/Declaration in this File, as heretofore amended, is hereby further amended and restated as follows:

ITEM 1

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRANSACTION

Introduction

- 1. Northeast Utilities ("NU"), a public utility holding company registered under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended ("the Act"), The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P"), Public Service Company of New Hampshire ("PSNH") and Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECO"), each an electric utility subsidiary of NU, North Atlantic Energy Corporation ("NAEC"), formerly a utility under the Act, NU Enterprises, Inc. ("NUEI"), a sub-holding company over certain of NU's non-utility subsidiaries, Northeast Generation Company ("NGC"), Northeast Generation Services Company ("NGS"), Select Energy, Inc. ("SE"), HEC Inc., now known as Select Energy Services, Inc. ("SESI"), Select Energy Portland Pipeline, Inc. ("SEPPI"), Reeds Ferry Supply Co., Inc. ("Reeds"), Select Energy Contracting, Inc. ("SECI") and HEC Energy Consulting Canada Inc. ("HEC Energy"), E.S Boulos Company ("Boulos") and Woods Electrical Contracting, Inc. ("Woods"), both wholly-owned subsidiaries of NGS, Yankee Energy Service Company ("YESCO") and Yankee Energy Financial Services Company ("Yankee Financial"), both competitive subsidiaries of Yankee Energy System, Inc. ("YES"), Select Energy New York, Inc. ("SENY"), a subsidiary of SE, each a direct or indirect non-utility subsidiary of NU (collectively, the "Applicants"), hereby file this Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 (Amendment No. 7) to the Application/declaration in this File. NU, CL&P, PSNH, WMECO, NAEC, NUEI, NGC, NGS, SE, SESI, SEPPI, Reeds, SECI and HEC Energy had submitted an application/declaration (the "Original Application") pursuant to Sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10 and 12(c) of the Act and Rules 26(c)(3), 42, 43, 44 and 46(a) thereunder with respect to (a) the payment of dividends to, and/or the repurchase of stock from, NU out of capital or unearned surplus by each of CL&P, PSNH, WMECO and NAEC, from certain restructuring proceeds, though, as a result of the issuance of Rate Reduction Bonds (as described herein) each of CL&P, WMECO and PSNH (collectively, the "Utilities"), and NU , on a consolidated basis, would fall below the Commission's common equity-to- total capitalization threshold of 30% (the "30% Threshold"), (b) the payment of dividends to, and/or the repurchase of stock from, NU out of capital or unearned surplus by NUEI, the payment of dividends, and/or the repurchase of stock out of capital or unearned surplus by each of NGC, NGS, SE, SESI, SEPPI, Reeds, SECI and HEC Energy, in each case from their respective parent company, (c) the payment of dividends and/or the repurchase of stock out of capital or unearned surplus by CL&P from certain restructuring proceeds in accordance with the provisions of CL&P's dividend covenant under its First Mortgage Indenture and Deed of Trust dated May 1, 1921 to the Bankers Trust Company as trustee all through December 31, 2004 (the "Initial Authorization Period"), and (d) the issuance of additional shares by NU to the extent necessary to fulfill its obligations under one or more forward stock purchase contracts through June 30, 2001.
- 2. On March 7, 2000, the Commission issued an order authorizing the above transactions in HCAR 35-27147 (the "Prior

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Order"). This Post-effective amendment to the Application now (i) seeks a modification and extension through December 31, 2007 (''Authorization Period''), of the authorization for the payment of dividends to, and/or the repurchase of stock from, NU out of capital or unearned surplus by NUEI, the payment of dividends to, and/or the repurchase of stock from their respective parent company, out of capital or unearned surplus by each of NGC, NGS, SE, SESI and SECI, subject to the limitations set forth herein; (ii) seeks authorization for Boulos' and Woods , both whollyowned subsidiaries of NGS, YESCO and Yankee Financial , both competitive subsidiaries of YES, SENY, a subsidiary of SE, and any other direct or indirect to-be-formed non-utility subsidiary of NU, to pay dividends to, and/or repurchase stock from their respective parent company out of capital or unearned surplus (NUEI, NGC, NGS, SE, SENY, SESI, Reeds, SECI, Boulos, Woods, YESCO, Yankee Financial and any direct or indirect non-utility subsidiary of NU collectively referred to as the "Competitive Subsidiaries")