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April 09, 2001

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

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APPLICATION/DECLARATION ON FORM U-1 ) CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO RULE  
(FILE NO. 70-9697) ) 24 UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITY  
UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING ) HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935  
COMPANY ACT OF 1935 WITH RESPECT TO )  
THE ISSUANCE OF RATE REDUCTION BONDS )  
AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS )

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER  
COMPANY, WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS  
ELECTRIC COMPANY AND PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 24 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended (the "Act"), The Connecticut Light and Power Company ("CL&P"), an electric utility subsidiary of Northeast Utilities, a registered holding company under the Act, certifies that certain of the transactions, as proposed in the Application/Declaration to the Commission on Form U-1 (File No. 70-9697), as amended (the "Application/Declaration"), and authorized by order of the Commission in HCAR No. 27319 (December 26, 2000) (the "Order"), have been carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of and for the purposes represented by the Application/Declaration and of the Order. Specifically, on or before March 30, 2001 (a) CL&P formed CL&P Funding LLC, which is a new special purpose entity, limited liability company subsidiary; (b) CL&P acquired the equity interests in CL&P Funding LLC; (c) in a transaction using the Two Securities Format, CL&P Funding LLC issued SPE Debt Securities and sold such SPE Debt Securities to a special purpose trust created by the State of Connecticut, acting through the Office of the State Treasurer; and (d) CL&P entered into a servicing agreement and an administration agreement with CL&P Funding LLC.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined are used as defined in the Application/Declaration. Submitted with this Certificate are the following exhibit and material financing documents relating to the consummated transaction:

Registration Statement on Form S-3 for the CL&P RRBs (File No. 333-53866)

Underwriting Agreement dated March 27, 2001 (Exhibit 1.1, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Limited Liability Company Agreement of CL&P Funding LLC dated January 3, 2001 and amended March 30, 2001 (Exhibit 3.2, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Note Indenture dated March 30, 2001, including form of Note (Exhibits 4.1 and 4.4, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Certificate Indenture dated March 30, 2001, including form of Rate Reduction

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Certificate (Exhibits 4.2 and 4.5, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Declaration of Trust dated March 23, 2001 (Exhibit 4.3, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Transition Property Purchase and Sale Agreement dated March 30, 2001 (Exhibit 10.1, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Transition Property Servicing Agreement dated March 30, 2001 (Exhibit 10.2, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Note Purchase Agreement dated March 30, 2001 (Exhibit 10.3, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Administration Agreement dated March 30, 2001 (Exhibit 10.4, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Fee and Indemnity Agreement dated March 30, 2001 (Exhibit 10.5, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Swap Agreement dated March 30, 2001 (Exhibit 10.6, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Inter-Creditor Agreement with respect to accounts receivable arrangement dated March 30, 2001 (Exhibit 10.7, CL&P Funding LLC Form 8-K dated March 30, 2001)

Also submitted with this Certificate is the "past tense" opinion of counsel.

### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, the undersigned company has duly caused this Certificate to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### NORTHEAST UTILITIES SERVICE COMPANY

By: /S/ CHERYL W. GRISE  
Cheryl W. Grise  
Title: Senior Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel

### THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

By: /S/ CHERYL W. GRISE  
Cheryl W. Grise  
Title: Senior Vice President, Secretary  
and General Counsel NUSCO, As Agent  
for Above Companies

Date: