

News Release

Eversource Energy Raises Common Dividend By 6.4%

HARTFORD, Conn. and BOSTON, Mass. (February 3, 2015) – The Board of Trustees of Northeast Utilities (NYSE: NU), doing business as Eversource Energy, today approved a quarterly dividend of \$0.4175 per share, payable on March 31, 2015, to shareholders of record as of the close of business on March 2, 2015.

The March 2015 dividend represents a 6.4 percent increase over the previous quarterly dividend level.

“This increase underscores the continued enhancements we are making as a top tier utility that invests billions of dollars in the electric and natural gas delivery systems that serve New England energy consumers, provides a strong and improving level of customer service, and offers investors one of the industry’s most attractive combination of earnings and dividend growth,” said Thomas J. May, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Eversource Energy.

Also today, Eversource announced that it will host its year-end earnings call on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 9 a.m. Eastern Time and that it expects to release year-end results after the market closes on February 11, 2015. The call will be webcast at www.eversource.com.

Eversource Energy operates New England’s largest energy delivery company and is committed to safety, reliability, environmental leadership and stewardship, as well as expanding energy options for approximately 3.6 million electric and natural gas customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Northeast Utilities, doing business as Eversource Energy, is currently traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NU and has approximately 317 million common shares outstanding. On February 2, 2015, the Company began operating under Eversource Energy. The company’s legal name has not yet changed; however, shareholders will be asked to vote on a proposal to formally change the company’s legal name at the company’s Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which has been set for April 29, 2015. Effective Thursday, February 19, 2015, the company is expected to commence trading under its new ticker symbol, “ES,” on the New York Stock Exchange.

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