



## News Release

### NU: Proven Results in Carbon Reduction, Energy Efficiency and More

**HARTFORD, Conn. and BOSTON, Mass. (July 8, 2014)** – Programs administered by Northeast Utilities (NYSE: NU) and its operating companies saved customers enough energy last year to equal the output of a 500 MW power plant and prevented 30,000 tons of waste from being dumped into landfills.

These are just some of the accomplishments detailed in NU's newly expanded "Responsible Energy" report. Completely revised, the report highlights hundreds of examples of sustainable practices, corporate responsibility and benefits generated for NU's 3.6 million customers and other stakeholders.

"Our company-wide Responsible Energy report captures the many successes of our day-to-day business operations and the sustainable business practices all of our customers and employees can be proud of," said Kathleen Freeman, NU Director of Environmental Affairs.

These include achievements in expanding renewable energy options, promoting energy efficiency, reducing the companies' carbon footprint, improving the reliability of the energy infrastructure, and enhancements in the overall service experience for NU customers across Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Among the benefits outlined in the report:

- Since 2009, NU has reduced its carbon footprint by cutting its total emissions by 35 percent.
- Customers participating in energy efficiency programs administered by NU's operating companies saved nearly 828 gigawatt hours of power last year – or enough to serve all the power needs of NU's 3.1 million electric customers for five days.
- Home improvements from these programs have also saved customers the equivalent of about 440,678,000 cubic feet of natural gas – or enough to serve heating and cooking needs of NU's 484,000 gas customers for three and a half days.
- In Western Massachusetts, NU has built three solar generation sites utilizing capped landfills and other environmentally-challenged sites providing 8 MW of clean energy that can serve at least 6,000 homes.
- And when complete, the 1,200 MW of clean hydropower imported to New England by NU's Northern Pass transmission line will lower CO2 emissions by up to 5 million tons annually, which is the equivalent of taking 900,000 cars off the road.

NU's Responsible Energy report is available online at [www.nu.com/responsible\\_energy](http://www.nu.com/responsible_energy).

*Northeast Utilities (NU) operates New England's largest energy delivery company. NU and its companies are committed to safety, reliability, environmental leadership and stewardship, as well as expanding energy options for its more than 3.6 million electric and natural gas customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Learn more about NU and its family of companies at [www.nu.com](http://www.nu.com).*

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