

NUVEEN NEW YORK SELECT TAX -FREE INCOME PORTFOLIO
Form N-Q
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT
COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-6624

Nuveen New York Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy
Vice President and Secretary
333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 3/31

Date of reporting period: 12/31/11

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)
 Nuveen New York Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio (NXN)
 December 31, 2011

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Optional Call Provisions (2)	Ratings (3)	Value
	Consumer Discretionary – 0.2%			
\$ 100	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, Liberty Revenue Bonds, IAC/InterActiveCorp, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/35	9/15 at 100.00	BBB–	\$ 96,851
	Consumer Staples – 1.5%			
	TSASC Inc., New York, Tobacco Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2006:			
365	4.750%, 6/01/22	6/16 at 100.00	BBB	354,900
540	5.000%, 6/01/26	6/16 at 100.00	BBB	505,418
905	Total Consumer Staples			860,318
	Education and Civic Organizations – 13.8%			
100	Albany Industrial Development Agency, New York, Revenue Bonds, Albany Law School, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/31	7/17 at 100.00	BBB	101,126
165	Albany Industrial Development Agency, New York, Revenue Bonds, Brighter Choice Charter Schools, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 4/01/37	4/17 at 100.00	N/R	138,046
280	Buffalo and Erie County, New York, Industrial Land Development Corporation Tax-Exempt Revenue Bonds (Enterprise Charter School Project), Series 2011A, 7.500%, 12/01/40	12/20 at 100.00	N/R	303,436
30	Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency, New York, Revenue Bonds, St. Bonaventure University, Series 2006, 5.000%, 5/01/23	5/16 at 100.00	BBB–	30,207
430	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, General Revenue Bonds, Manhattan College, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/41 – RAAI Insured	7/17 at 100.00	N/R	407,795
1,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Housing Revenue Bonds, Fashion Institute of Technology, Series 2007, 5.250%, 7/01/34 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	BBB	1,046,700
785	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Insured Revenue Bonds, Iona College, Series 2002, 5.000%, 7/01/22 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	7/12 at 100.00	BBB	792,348
50	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Lease Revenue Bonds, State University Dormitory Facilities, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/29 – NPFQ Insured	7/15 at 100.00	Aa2	52,327
120			Baa1	126,431

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	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, St. Joseph's College, Series 2010, 5.250%, 7/01/35	7/20 at 100.00		
815	Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, Bard College Refunding, Series 2007-A1, 5.000%, 8/01/46	8/17 at 100.00	Baa1	819,099
100	Hempstead Town Industrial Development Agency, New York, Revenue Bonds, Adelphi University, Civic Facility Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 10/01/35	10/15 at 100.00	A	102,587
2,000	Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation, New York, Revenue Bonds, University of Rochester Project, Series 2011B, 5.000%, 7/01/41	7/21 at 100.00	Aa3	2,121,900
100	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, St. Francis College, Series 2004, 5.000%, 10/01/34	10/14 at 100.00	A-	102,066
500	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, YMCA of Greater New York, Series 2002, 5.250%, 8/01/21	2/12 at 100.00	A-	500,830
430	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, PILOT Revenue Bonds, Queens Baseball Stadium Project, Series 2006, 4.750%, 1/01/42 – AMBAC Insured	1/17 at 100.00	BB+	361,621
590	New York City Industrial Development Authority, New York, PILOT Revenue Bonds, Yankee Stadium Project, Series 2006, 4.500%, 3/01/39 – FGIC Insured	9/16 at 100.00	BBB-	545,809
185	Puerto Rico Industrial, Tourist, Educational, Medical and Environmental Control Facilities Financing Authority, Higher Education Revenue Bonds, Ana G. Mendez University System, Series 1999, 5.375%, 2/01/19	2/12 at 100.00	BBB-	185,093
65	Seneca County Industrial Development Authority, New York, Revenue Bonds, New York Chiropractic College, Series 2007, 5.000%, 10/01/27	10/17 at 100.00	BBB	66,132
7,745	Total Education and Civic Organizations Financials – 0.8%			7,803,553
435	Liberty Development Corporation, New York, Goldman Sachs Headquarters Revenue Bonds Series 2007, 5.500%, 10/01/37 Health Care – 15.0%	No Opt. Call	A1	462,670
450	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Montefiore Hospital, Series 2004, 5.000%, 8/01/29 – FGIC Insured	2/15 at 100.00	BBB	483,647
500	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Revenue Bonds, St. Lukes Roosevelt Hospital, Series 2005, 4.900%, 8/15/31	8/15 at 100.00	N/R	520,575
100	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Highland Hospital of Rochester Revenue Bonds, Series 2010, 5.200%, 7/01/32	7/20 at 100.00	A2	104,219
125	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Orange Regional Medical Center Obligated Group Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, 6.250%, 12/01/37	12/18 at 100.00	Ba1	126,003
950			Aa2	990,185

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	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Series 2006-1, 5.000%, 7/01/35	7/16 at 100.00		
670	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Series 2003-1, 5.000%, 7/01/21 – NPMG Insured	7/13 at 100.00	Aa2	704,766
390	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, New York and Presbyterian Hospital, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/15/15 – AGM Insured	8/14 at 100.00	AA–	423,259
750	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, NYU Hospitals Center, Series 2011A, 6.000%, 7/01/40	7/20 at 100.00	BBB+	795,300
1,680	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Winthrop South Nassau University Health System Obligated Group, Series 2001A, 5.250%, 7/01/17 – AMBAC Insured	7/12 at 100.00	Baa1	1,699,774
1,195	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Winthrop South Nassau University Health System Obligated Group, Series 2001B, 5.250%, 7/01/17 – AMBAC Insured	7/12 at 100.00	Baa1	1,209,065
500	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Winthrop-South Nassau University Hospital Association, Series 2003A, 5.500%, 7/01/32 Madison County Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, Oneida Health System, Series 2007A:	7/13 at 100.00	Baa1	503,970
100	5.250%, 2/01/27	No Opt. Call	BBB–	95,725
90	5.500%, 2/01/32	No Opt. Call	BBB–	86,250
750	New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, New York, Health System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.250%, 2/15/21 – AMBAC Insured	2/13 at 100.00	Aa3	779,648
8,250	Total Health Care Housing/Multifamily – 5.8%			8,522,386
1,700	Amherst Industrial Development Agency, New York, Revenue Bonds, UBF Faculty/Student Housing Corporation, University of Buffalo Creekside Project, Series 2002A, 5.000%, 8/01/22 – AMBAC Insured	8/12 at 101.00	N/R	1,724,225
1,000	New Hartford-Sunset Woods Funding Corporation, New York, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Sunset Woods Apartments II Project, Series 2002, 5.350%, 2/01/20	8/12 at 101.00	AA+	1,021,190
250	New York City Housing Development Corporation, New York, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 11/01/30	5/14 at 100.00	AA	254,933
275	New York State Housing Finance Agency, Affordable Housing Revenue, Series 2007A, 5.250%, 11/01/38 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/17 at 100.00	Aa2	278,743
3,225	Total Housing/Multifamily Housing/Single Family – 4.4%			3,279,091

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2,500	New York State Mortgage Agency, Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Thirty-First Series A, 5.300%, 10/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax) Long-Term Care – 8.0%	4/12 at 100.00	Aaa	2,500,950
100	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Non-State Supported Debt, Ozanam Hall of Queens Nursing Home Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 11/01/31	11/16 at 100.00	Ba3	79,169
50	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Providence Rest, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/35 – ACA Insured	7/15 at 100.00	N/R	35,986
2,000	East Rochester Housing Authority, New York, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Refunding Bonds, Jewish Home of Rochester, Series 2002, 4.625%, 2/15/17	8/12 at 101.00	AAA	2,057,800
1,000	East Rochester Housing Authority, New York, Revenue Bonds, GNMA/FHA-Secured Revenue Bonds, St. Mary’s Residence Project, Series 2002A, 5.375%, 12/20/22	12/12 at 103.00	N/R	1,045,840
980	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, GNMA Collateralized Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Eger Harbor House Inc., Series 2002A, 4.950%, 11/20/32	11/12 at 101.00	AA+	1,019,180
25	Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, Special Needs Facilities Pooled Program, Series 2008-B1, 5.500%, 7/01/18	7/16 at 100.00	N/R	23,438
275	Yonkers Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facilities Revenue Bonds, Special Needs Facilities Pooled Program Bonds, Series 2008-C1, 5.500%, 7/01/18	7/16 at 101.00	N/R	257,818
4,430	Total Long-Term Care Materials – 0.1%			4,519,231
90	Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency, New York, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, International Paper Company Project, Series 2003A, 5.200%, 12/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax) Tax Obligation/General – 6.7%	12/13 at 100.00	BBB	90,419
1,260	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal 2008 Series D, 5.125%, 12/01/25	12/17 at 100.00	AA	1,445,396
300	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 2004C, 5.250%, 8/15/16	8/14 at 100.00	AA	332,856
200	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 2005J, 5.000%, 3/01/19 – FGIC Insured	3/15 at 100.00	AA	221,630
1,000	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 2006J-1, 5.000%, 6/01/25	6/16 at 100.00	AA	1,134,110
600	Yonkers, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011A, 5.000%, 10/01/24 – AGM Insured	10/21 at 100.00	AA–	650,292
3,360	Total Tax Obligation/General Tax Obligation/Limited – 25.9%			3,784,284
600	Battery Park City Authority, New York, Lease Revenue Bonds, Senior Lien Series 2003A, 5.000%, 11/01/23	11/13 at 100.00	AAA	641,214
500	Erie County Industrial Development Agency, New York, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Buffalo City School District, Series 2004, 5.750%, 5/01/26 – AGM Insured	5/14 at 100.00	AA–	532,080

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2,000	Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation, New York, Revenue Bonds, Senior Fiscal 2012 Series 2011A, 5.750%, 2/15/47	No Opt. Call	A	2,167,380
1,500	Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation, New York, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 5.000%, 2/15/47	2/17 at 100.00	A	1,506,975
500	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, State Service Contract Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 1/01/20 – NPFPG Insured	7/12 at 100.00	AA–	510,810
	New York City Sales Tax Asset Receivable Corporation, New York, Dedicated Revenue Bonds, Local Government Assistance Corporation, Series 2004A:			
250	5.000%, 10/15/25 – NPFPG Insured	10/14 at 100.00	AAA	274,443
200	5.000%, 10/15/26 – NPFPG Insured	10/14 at 100.00	AAA	219,208
1,225	5.000%, 10/15/29 – AMBAC Insured	10/14 at 100.00	AAA	1,321,000
600	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Building Aid Revenue Bonds, Fiscal Series 2007S-2, 5.000%, 1/15/28 – FGIC Insured	1/17 at 100.00	AA–	647,736
195	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Fiscal Series 2003E, 5.000%, 2/01/23 – FGIC Insured	2/13 at 100.00	AAA	203,305
550	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Fiscal Series 2007C-1, 5.000%, 11/01/27	11/17 at 100.00	AAA	614,240
535	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 3545, 13.913%, 5/01/32 (IF)	5/19 at 100.00	AAA	644,975
775	New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2008A, 5.000%, 12/15/26 (UB)	12/17 at 100.00	AAA	882,462
250	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Second General, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 4/01/21 – NPFPG Insured	4/14 at 100.00	AA	269,785
425	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 4/01/27	10/17 at 100.00	AA	467,581
570	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Series 2005B, 5.500%, 4/01/20 – AMBAC Insured (UB)	No Opt. Call	AA	729,041
	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1:			
1,000	5.250%, 6/01/20 – AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AA–	1,059,520
250	5.250%, 6/01/21 – AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AA–	264,880
500	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and	6/13 at 100.00	AA–	531,520

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	State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003B-1C, 5.500%, 6/01/21			
	New York State Urban Development Corporation, State Personal Income Tax Revenue Bonds, Tender	3/17 at 100.00	AAA	1,178,000
1,000	Option Bond Trust 09-6W, 13.676%, 3/15/37 (IF) (4)			
13,425	Total Tax Obligation/Limited Transportation – 3.0%			14,666,155
	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 11/15/15 – FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	A	568,160
500	New York Liberty Development Corporation, Liberty Revenue Bonds, 4 World Trade Center Project, Series 2011, 5.000%, 11/15/44	11/21 at 100.00	A+	254,968
250	New York State Thruway Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2005G, 5.000%, 1/01/30 – AGM Insured	7/15 at 100.00	AA–	108,405
100	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Consolidated Revenue Bonds, One Hundred Fortieth Series 2005, 5.000%, 12/01/31 – SYNCORA GTY Insured	6/15 at 101.00	Aa2	110,877
105	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Consolidated Revenue Bonds, One Hundred Forty Eighth Series 2008, Trust 2920, 17.424%, 8/15/32 – AGM Insured (IF)	8/17 at 100.00	Aa2	153,547
120	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Special Project Bonds, JFK International Air Terminal LLC Project, Eighth Series 2010:			
	6.500%, 12/01/28	12/15 at 100.00	BBB–	308,047
290	6.000%, 12/01/36	12/20 at 100.00	BBB–	226,655
215	Total Transportation U.S. Guaranteed – 2.9% (5)			1,730,659
1,580	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Judicial Facilities Lease Revenue Bonds, Suffolk County Issue, Series 1986, 7.375%, 7/01/16 (ETM)	No Opt. Call	Aaa	893,714
760	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, Staten Island University Hospital, Series 2002C, 6.450%, 7/01/32 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12)	7/12 at 101.00	Baa3 (5)	238,995
230	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Fiscal Series 2003E, 5.000%, 2/01/23 (Pre-refunded 2/01/13) – FGIC Insured	2/13 at 100.00	Aaa	499,553
475	Total U.S. Guaranteed Utilities – 3.1%			1,632,262
1,465	Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System General Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A:			
	5.000%, 12/01/23 – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	A–	625,906
570	5.000%, 12/01/25 – FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	A–	463,768
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400	Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2011A, 5.000%, 5/01/38	5/21 at 100.00	A-	422,108
250	Niagara County Industrial Development Agency, New York, Solid Waste Disposal Facility Revenue Bonds, American Ref-Fuel Company of Niagara LP, Series 2001A, 5.450%, 11/15/26 (Mandatory put 11/15/12) (Alternative Minimum Tax)	5/12 at 101.00	Baa2	252,805
1,650	Total Utilities Water and Sewer – 6.0%			1,764,587
275	New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, New York, Water and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Tender Option Bond Trust 3484, 18.005%, 6/15/32 (IF) New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, State Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds Revenue Bonds, New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority Loan, Series 2002B:	6/18 at 100.00	AA+	345,092
1,000	5.250%, 6/15/19	6/12 at 100.00	AAA	1,022,360
2,000	5.000%, 6/15/27	6/12 at 100.00	AAA	2,034,980
3,275	Total Water and Sewer			3,402,432
	\$			
52,435	Total Investments (cost \$52,555,242) – 97.2%			55,115,848
	Floating Rate Obligations – (1.8)%			(1,005,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities – 4.6%			2,593,969
				\$
	Net Assets – 100%			56,704,817

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 – Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 – Significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of December 31, 2011:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments:				
Municipal Bonds	\$—	\$55,115,848	\$—	\$55,115,848

During the period ended December 31, 2011, the Fund recognized no significant transfers to or from Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3.

Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate securities reflected as financing transactions, if any. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At December 31, 2011, the cost of investments was \$51,542,905.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at December 31, 2011, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$2,782,251
Depreciation	(210,764)

Net unrealized appreciation
(depreciation) of investments \$2,571,487

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets.
- (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
- (3) Ratings: Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.
- (4) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in inverse floating rate transactions.
- (5) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities, which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities.

N/R Not rated.

(ETM) Escrowed to maturity.

(IF) Inverse floating rate investment.

(UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction.

Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen New York Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy
Kevin J. McCarthy
Vice President and Secretary

Date February 29, 2012

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman
Gifford R. Zimmerman
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date February 29, 2012

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy
Stephen D. Foy
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date February 29, 2012