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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: 6/30/08

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507.

Item 1. Schedule of Investments

Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)

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

June 30, 2008

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	Baa3	\$ 83,510
Consumer Staples - 1.6%				
TSASC Inc., New York, Tobacco Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2006:				
430	4.750%, 6/01/22	6/16 at 100.00	BBB	396,537
540	5.000%, 6/01/26	6/16 at 100.00	BBB	489,769
970	Total Consumer Staples			886,306
Education and Civic Organizations - 11.5%				
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	91,629
50	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	42,671
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	AA	1,738,964

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-	28,013
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	A	413,226
785	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Insured Revenue Bonds, Iona College, Series 2002, 5.000%, 7/01/22 - XLCA Insured	7/12 at 100.00	BBB	781,091
50	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Lease Revenue Bonds, State University Dormitory Facilities, Series 2004A, 5.000%, 7/01/29 - MBIA Insured	7/15 at 100.00	AA	50,916
215	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Second General Resolution Consolidated Revenue Bonds, City University System, Series 1990C, 7.500%, 7/01/10 - FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	A1	224,832
430	Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, Bard College Project, Series 2007-A2, 4.500%, 8/01/36	8/17 at 100.00	A3	389,907
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-	99,697
650	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, Horace Mann School, Series 2002, 4.290%, 7/01/41 - MBIA Insured (4)	No Opt. Call	AAA	544,640
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-	96,039
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	2/11 at 100.00	A-	507,380
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	AA	408,264
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-	517,194
200	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	2/09 at 101.00	BBB-	199,034
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	61,705
6,425	Total Education and Civic Organizations			6,195,202
	Financials - 0.9%			
435	Liberty Development Corporation, New York, Goldman Sachs Headquarters Revenue Bonds Series 2007, 5.500%, 10/01/37	No Opt. Call	AA-	463,327
	Health Care - 13.7%			
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	N/R	431,856
	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Lenox Hill Hospital Obligated Group, Series 2001:			
110	5.375%, 7/01/20	7/11 at 101.00	Ba2	107,324
100	5.500%, 7/01/30	7/11 at 101.00	Ba2	92,615
950	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	AA	961,875
670	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Series 2003-1, 5.000%, 7/01/21 - MBIA Insured	7/13 at 100.00	AA	683,206
405	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, New York and Presbyterian Hospital, Series 2004A, 5.250%, 8/15/15 - FSA Insured	8/14 at 100.00	AAA	437,793
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	7/11 at 101.00	AA	1,761,278
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	7/11 at 101.00	AA	1,252,814
500	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Winthrop-South Nassau University Hospital Association, Series 2003A, 5.500%, 7/01/32	7/13 at 100.00	Baa1	492,795
	Madison County Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, Oneida Health System, Series 2007A:			
100	5.250%, 2/01/27	No Opt. Call	BBB-	93,897
90	5.500%, 2/01/32	No Opt. Call	BBB-	84,462
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	AA	767,865
245	New York City Industrial Development Agency, New York, Civic Facility Revenue Bonds, Staten Island University Hospital, Series 2002C, 6.450%, 7/01/32	7/12 at 101.00	B2	236,971
7,245	Total Health Care			7,404,751
	Housing/Multifamily - 2.9%			
1,000	New Hartford-Sunset Woods Funding Corporation, New York, FHA-Insured Mortgage Revenue Bonds,	8/12 at 101.00	AAA	1,037,840

	Sunset Woods Apartments II Project, Series 2002, 5.350%, 2/01/20			
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	252,985
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	259,672
1,525	Total Housing/Multifamily			1,550,497
	Housing/Single Family - 8.2%			
2,000	New York State Mortgage Agency, Homeowner Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 101, 5.000%, 10/01/18 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/11 at 100.00	Aa1	2,004,300
2,500	New York State Mortgage Agency, Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Thirty-First Series A, 5.300%, 10/01/31 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	4/11 at 100.00	Aaa	2,447,449
4,500	Total Housing/Single Family			4,451,749
	Long-Term Care - 12.0%			
1,980	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, FHA-Insured Nursing Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Norwegian Christian Home and Health Center, Series 2001, 5.200%, 8/01/36 - MBIA Insured	8/11 at 101.00	AA	1,994,593
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	Aa3	100,061
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	39,222
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	2,068,159
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	AAA	1,042,740
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+	959,567
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	23,687
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	260,554
6,410	Total Long-Term Care			6,488,583
	Materials - 0.2%			
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)	12/13 at 100.00	BBB	82,156
	Tax Obligation/General - 8.4%			
	Clarkstown, Rickland County, New York, Various Purposes Serial Bonds, Series 1992:			
505	5.600%, 6/15/10 - AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	AA	533,795
525	5.600%, 6/15/11 - AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	AA	561,761
525	5.600%, 6/15/12 - AMBAC Insured	No Opt. Call	AA	572,119
15	Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corporation, New York, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A, 4.500%, 2/15/47 - MBIA Insured (UB)	2/17 at 100.00	A2	13,517
300	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Fiscal Series 2004C, 5.250%, 8/15/16	8/14 at 100.00	AA	320,430
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	209,212
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	1,024,930
1,260	New York City, New York, General Obligation Bonds, Series D, 5.125%, 12/01/25	12/17 at 100.00	AA	1,308,107
4,330	Total Tax Obligation/General			4,543,871
	Tax Obligation/Limited - 16.5%			
600	Battery Park City Authority, New York, Senior Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 11/01/23	11/13 at 100.00	AAA	616,062
500	Erie County Industrial Development Agency, New York, School Facility Revenue Bonds, Buffalo City School District, Series 2004, 5.750%, 5/01/26 - FSA Insured	5/14 at 100.00	AAA	546,745
500	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, State Service Contract Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 1/01/20 - MBIA Insured	7/12 at 100.00	AA	527,960
95	Nassau County Interim Finance Authority, New York, Sales Tax Secured Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A-2, 5.125%, 11/15/21 - AMBAC Insured	11/08 at 100.00	AAA	95,100
	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 - MBIA Insured	10/14 at 100.00	AAA	257,595
200	5.000%, 10/15/26 - MBIA Insured	10/14 at 100.00	AAA	205,634
1,225	5.000%, 10/15/29 - AMBAC Insured	10/14 at 100.00	AAA	1,251,423
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-	604,548
670	New York City Transitional Finance Authority, New York, Future Tax Secured Bonds, Fiscal Series 2003E, 5.000%, 2/01/23	2/13 at 100.00	AAA	691,165

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	568,200
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	806,388
250	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Second Generation, Series 2004, 5.000%, 4/01/21 - MBIA Insured	4/14 at 100.00	AA	257,598
145	New York State Thruway Authority, Highway and Bridge Trust Fund Bonds, Second Generation, Series 2005B, 16.320%, 4/01/20 - AMBAC Insured (IF)	No Opt. Call	AA	209,667
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	438,311
	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	1,038,540
250	5.250%, 6/01/21 - AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 100.00	AA	258,963
500	New York State Tobacco Settlement Financing Corporation, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed and State Contingency Contract-Backed Bonds, Series 2003B-1C, 5.500%, 6/01/21	6/13 at 100.00	AA-	522,275
30	Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, New York, Convention Center Bonds, Series 1990E, 7.250%, 1/01/10	No Opt. Call	AA-	31,308
8,565	Total Tax Obligation/Limited			8,927,482
	Transportation - 2.0%			
180	Albany Parking Authority, New York, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.625%, 7/15/25	7/11 at 101.00	BBB+	184,529
500	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, Transportation Revenue Bonds, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 11/15/15 - FGIC Insured	No Opt. Call	A	527,260
100	New York State Thruway Authority, General Revenue Bonds, Series 2005G, 5.000%, 1/01/30 - FSA Insured	7/15 at 100.00	AAA	102,311
105	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Consolidated Revenue Bonds, One Hundred Fortieth Series 2005, 5.000%, 12/01/31 - XLCA Insured	6/15 at 101.00	AA-	107,116
160	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, One Hundred and Forty Eighth Consolidated Revenue Bonds, RITES Trust 1516, 11.509%, 8/15/32 - FSA Insured (IF)	8/17 at 100.00	AAA	172,032
1,045	Total Transportation			1,093,248
	U.S. Guaranteed - 5.9% (5)			
220	Albany Parking Authority, New York, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.625%, 7/15/25 (Pre-refunded 7/15/11)	7/11 at 101.00	N/R (5)	239,050
1,080	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	1,254,668
250	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, North Shore Long Island Jewish Group, Series 2003, 5.375%, 5/01/23 (Pre-refunded 5/01/13)	5/13 at 100.00	Aaa	272,045
340	Suffolk County Water Authority, New York, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1986V, 6.750%, 6/01/12 (ETM)	No Opt. Call	AAA	369,444
965	TSASC Inc., New York, Tobacco Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2002-1, 5.500%, 7/15/24 (Pre-refunded 7/15/12)	7/12 at 100.00	AAA	1,029,752
2,855	Total U.S. Guaranteed			3,164,959
	Utilities - 3.3%			
	Long Island Power Authority, New York, Electric System General Revenue Bonds, Series 2006A:			
570	5.000%, 12/01/23 - FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	A-	572,936
430	5.000%, 12/01/25 - FGIC Insured	6/16 at 100.00	A-	430,262
500	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, New York State Electric and Gas Corporation, Series 2005A, 4.100%, 3/15/15 - MBIA Insured	3/11 at 100.00	AA	497,945
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)	11/11 at 101.00	Baa2	246,218
60	Westchester County Industrial Development Agency, Westchester County, New York, Resource Recovery Revenue Bonds, RESCO Company, Series 1996, 5.500%, 7/01/09 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/08 at 100.00	BBB	60,081
1,810	Total Utilities			1,807,442
	Water and Sewer - 12.3%			
2,500	New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority, New York, Water and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Fiscal Series 2001C, 5.125%, 6/15/33	6/11 at 101.00	AA+	2,528,024
	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:			
2,000	5.250%, 6/15/19	6/12 at 100.00	AAA	2,099,239
2,000	5.000%, 6/15/27	6/12 at 100.00	AAA	2,032,939

6,500	Total Water and Sewer	6,660,202
\$ 52,805	Total Investments (cost \$53,366,453) - 99.6%	53,803,285
	Floating Rate Obligations - (1.1)%	(590,000)
	Other Assets Less Liabilities - 1.5%	804,232
	Net Assets - 100%	\$ 54,017,517

- (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 higher of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's") or Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's are considered to be below investment grade.
The Portfolio of Investments may reflect the ratings on certain bonds insured by ACA, AMBAC, CIFG, FGIC, MBIA, RAAI and XLCA as of June 30, 2008. Subsequent to June 30, 2008, and during the period this Portfolio of Investments was prepared, there may have been reductions to the ratings of certain bonds resulting from changes to the ratings of the underlying insurers both during the period and after period end. Such reductions would likely reduce the effective rating of many of the bonds insured by that insurer or insurers presented at period end.
- (4) Investment valued at fair value using methods determined in good faith by, or at the discretion of, the Board of Trustees.
- (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. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated 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 pursuant to the provisions of SFAS No. 140.

Fair Value Measurements

During the current fiscal period, the Fund adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (SFAS 157). SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. In determining the value of the Fund's investments various inputs are used. These inputs are 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 methodology 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 June 30, 2008:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments	\$-	\$53,258,645	\$544,640	\$53,803,285

The following is a reconciliation of the Fund's Level 3 investments held at the beginning and end of the measurement period:

	Level 3 Investments
Balance as of March 31, 2008	\$527,326
Gains (losses):	
Net realized gains (losses)	-
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	17,314
Net purchases at cost (sales at proceeds)	-
Net discounts (premiums)	-
Net transfers in to (out of) at end of period fair value	-
Balance as of June 30, 2008	\$544,640

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 the treatment of 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 transactions subject to SFAS No. 140. 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 June 30, 2008, the cost of investments was \$52,769,646.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at June 30, 2008, were as follows:

Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$1,089,522
Depreciation	(645,681)
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Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 443,841

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 August 29, 2008

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 August 29, 2008

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

Date August 29, 2008

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Gifford R. Zimmerman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form N-Q of Nuveen New York Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio;
 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
 3. Based on my knowledge, the schedules of investments included in this report fairly present in all material respects the investments of the registrant as of the end of the fiscal quarter for which the report is filed;
 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report, based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 29, 2008

/s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman
Gifford R. Zimmerman
Chief Administrative Officer
(principal executive officer)

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Stephen D. Foy, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this report on Form N-Q of Nuveen New York Select Tax-Free Income Portfolio;
 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
 3. Based on my knowledge, the schedules of investments included in this report fairly present in all material respects the investments of the registrant as of the end of the fiscal quarter for which the report is filed;
 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940) for the registrant and have:
 - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of a date within 90 days prior to the filing date of this report, based on such evaluation; and
 - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial information; and
 - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 29, 2008

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