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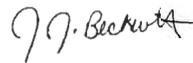
**Re: NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy,
EFSB 15-3/D.P.U. 15-64/65**

Dear Board Members:

Please find enclosed copies of the Notice of Adjudication/Notice of Public Comment Hearings (in English, Spanish and Portuguese) and the "Please Read" Notice (in English, Spanish and Portuguese) provided on behalf of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy regarding the Public Comment Hearing in the above-referenced proceeding before the Energy Facilities Siting Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Jennifer J. Beckwith
Paralegal

Enclosure

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

PLEASE READ

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (the “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition to Construct”) with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) requesting approval to construct and operate a new 7.7-mile 115-kilovolt (“kV”) underground transmission line in Woburn, Winchester, Medford, Somerville, Everett and Boston (the “New Line”), and to modify two existing substations (Woburn Substation and Mystic Substation) to interconnect the New Line. The New Line will operate in parallel with an existing underground 115 kV transmission line, creating a single higher-capacity transmission circuit.

The Company’s petitions include an alternative to the Project. The alternative travels primarily under streets for approximately 9.2 miles in Winchester, Medford, Everett, Somerville, and Boston. Please see the map included in the attached legal notice.

The attached legal notice describes the proposed transmission lines, their proposed location in more detail, and explains the opportunities for public participation in the review process. **Please read this notice carefully.** The Company also filed a petition seeking individual zoning exemptions and a comprehensive zoning exemption for the Project (“Zoning Petition”), and a petition to operate the transmission lines (“Section 72 Petition”). The hearings on the Zoning Petition and the Section 72 Petition have been consolidated with the hearings on the Petition to Construct.

The Siting Board is a state agency that will determine whether the transmission facilities can be constructed and whether the Zoning Petition and Section 72 Petition will be approved. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment at a Siting Board public comment hearing on **Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at Alden Chambers, 2nd Floor of Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA at 7:00 p.m.** At the public comment hearing, the Company will provide information on the proposed transmission facilities, and the Siting Board will present information on its review process and receive comments and questions from members of the community. The public comment hearing is an important opportunity for the community to learn about the proposed transmission facilities and the Siting Board review process, and for the Siting Board to hear questions and concerns from the community. All comments are important to the Siting Board; anyone with an interest in the project is encouraged to attend.

Individuals and groups affected by the Company’s petition who wish to be involved in the Siting Board review process may request to participate as either intervenors or limited participants. Such requests must meet the criteria outlined in the attached legal notice. **The deadline to make such a request is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.** The process for making a request to participate is explained in the legal notice. Questions concerning participation also will be answered at the public comment hearing.

Copies of the Company’s petition are available for public inspection at the locations listed on the enclosed notice. If you have any questions about the Siting Board’s review process, please feel free to call the Presiding Officer, Stephen H. August, at (617) 305-3525. The Siting Board’s address is as follows: Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
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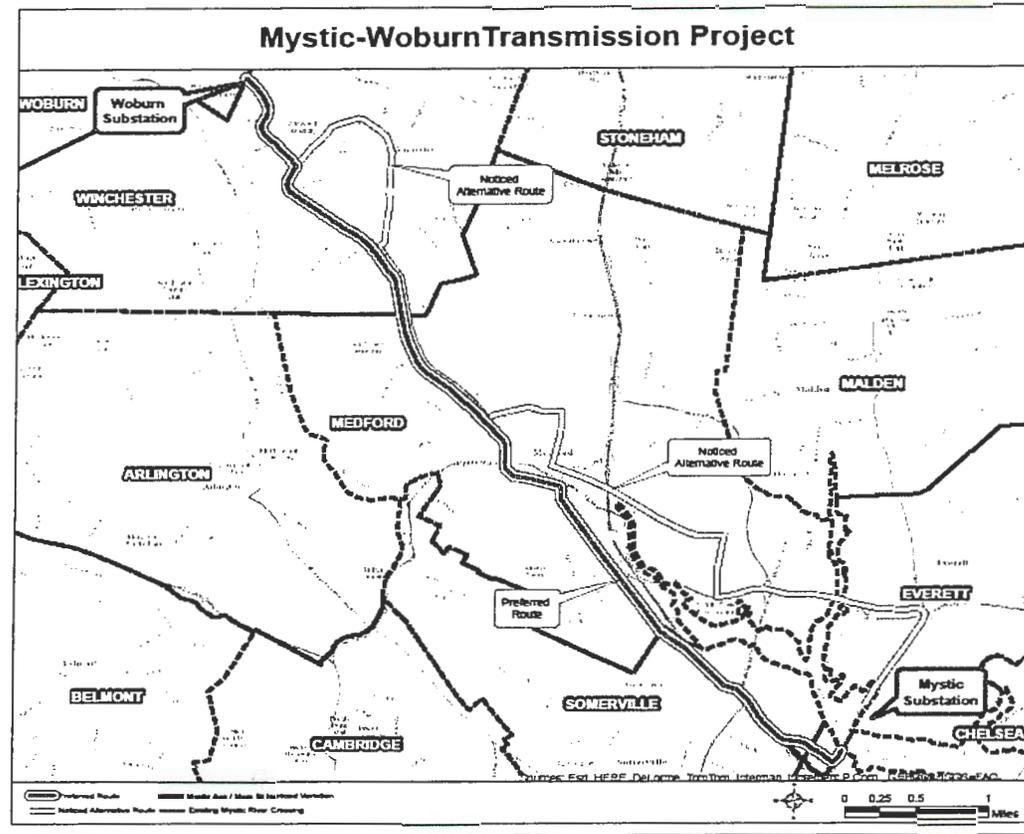
EFSB 15-03/D.P.U. 15-64/15-65
NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J, G.L. c. 164, § 72, and G.L. c. 40A, § 3, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) located at 1 NSTAR Way, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090, has filed with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board”) and the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) three petitions in connection with the Company’s proposal to construct and operate a new 7.7 mile 115-kilovolt (“kV”) underground transmission line in Woburn, Winchester, Medford, Somerville, Everett and Boston (the “New Line”) and to modify two existing substations (Woburn Substation and Mystic Substation) to interconnect the New Line. The New Line and proposed substation modifications are herein referred to as the “Mystic-Woburn Transmission Project” or the “Project.” The New Line will operate in parallel with an existing underground 115-kV transmission line, creating a single higher-capacity transmission circuit.

The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing to receive public comment on the Project at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Alden Chambers, 2nd Floor of Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford.

At the public comment hearing, Eversource will present an overview of the proposed Project. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the proposed Project. A Spanish and Portuguese translator will be present. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter. The public may also file written comments with the Presiding Officer. To file comments, please see the Section titled “Filing Instructions” towards the end of this Notice.

Pursuant to an Order issued by the Chair of the Department on May 22, 2015, the Company’s three petitions relating to the Project have been consolidated for hearing before the Siting Board, with the docket numbers EFSB 15-03/D.P.U. 15-64/15-65. Under G.L. c. 164, § 69J, the Siting Board will review the Company’s filing to determine whether the proposed Project would provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost. Under G.L. c. 164, §72, the Siting Board will determine whether the proposed 115-kV transmission line is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest. Under G.L. c. 40A, §3, the Siting Board will determine whether zoning exemptions are required for the Project and whether the present or proposed use of the land or structures is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public.



The Company’s Preferred Transmission Line Route

The Company’s Preferred Route for the New Line exits the Woburn Substation at the Winchester town line. It travels primarily under streets for approximately 7.2 miles, parallel to the existing underground 211-514 Line, through Winchester, Medford, Somerville, and the Charlestown section of Boston. From Charlestown, the route proceeds for a short distance within an existing pipe under the Mystic River to an existing manhole within the Mystic Substation fence line in Everett (a total distance of approximately half a mile).

A more detailed description of the Preferred Route for the Project, by municipality, is provided below.

Winchester: From the Woburn Substation fence at the Woburn/Winchester town boundary, the route proceeds to the intersection of Pond Street and Woodside Avenue in Winchester. The route continues south on Woodside Avenue and continues on Wildwood Street to the intersection of Fletcher Street. Proceeding southwest on Fletcher Street and then southeast on Bacon Street, the route crosses the Aberjona River and continues through a rotary onto Main Street (Route 38) heading southeast towards Medford.

Medford: The route proceeds southeast on Main Street/Winthrop Street into Medford to the Main Street/High Street/Winthrop Street rotary where it heads south on Winthrop Street to a crossing of

the Mystic River next to the Winthrop Street Bridge. The route then turns toward the east on South Street. Near Medford Square, the route turns south onto Mystic Avenue (Route 38), to Somerville.

Somerville: In Somerville, the route continues south along Mystic Avenue to a point just north of Foss Park and the McGrath Highway (Route 28), where it crosses under the elevated portion of Interstate-93, and continues southward on the section of Mystic Avenue on the east side of I-93. The route proceeds through a Home Depot parking lot and then crosses Assembly Square Drive and the MBTA railroad to Arlington Avenue.

Boston (Charlestown): From a crossing under the MBTA railroad north and west of Sullivan Square, the route travels southeast on Arlington Avenue, then crosses Alford Street and Rutherford Avenue to an existing Eversource manhole within Ryan Playground. The route then crosses the Mystic River to the Mystic Substation property using an existing spare pipe.

Potential Route Variation in Somerville and Boston (Charlestown)

The Company is proposing a variation to a portion of the Preferred Route that eliminates crossing under the MBTA railroad and traversing private property (the Home Depot parking lot). This variation would continue from the easterly side of I-93 along Mystic Avenue, cross the McGrath Highway intersection (Route 28), cross the MBTA railroad at the existing Mystic Avenue Bridge into Charlestown, turn northeast along Alford Street to the intersection of Alford Street and Arlington Avenue, and diagonally cross Alford Street/Rutherford Avenue to an existing manhole on the easterly side of Ryan Playground.

The Company's Alternative Transmission Line Route

The Company also identified an Alternative Route for the New Line. The Alternative Route travels primarily under streets for approximately 9.2 miles in the municipalities of Winchester, Medford, Everett, Somerville, and Boston. A more detailed description of the Alternative Route for the Project, by municipality, is provided below.

Winchester: The Alternative Route follows the same path as the Company's Preferred Route from the Woburn Substation to the intersection of Fletcher Street and Palmer Street in Winchester. At Palmer Street, the Alternative Route proceeds northeast, traveling on Palmer/Lake Street to the intersection of Main Street and Skillings Road. The route continues on Skillings Road, then proceeds south on Washington/Main Street (Route 38) to the rotary intersection of Bacon Street and Grove Street. Turning east, the Alternative Route follows the same path as the Preferred Route along Main Street into Medford.

Medford: Once crossing the Winchester/Medford town line, the Alternative Route continues along Main Street/Winthrop Street to Lawrence Road. The route then proceeds east on Lawrence Road, then south on Governors Avenue to its intersection with High Street in Medford Square. The route then turns east through the Medford Square commercial district and onto Riverside Avenue. On Riverside Avenue, the route travels under I-93 and then on to Commerce Street, turning south to Mystic Valley Parkway. Proceeding east on Mystic Valley Parkway, the route passes through the intersection of McGrath Highway (Route 28/Fellsway) on Revere Beach Parkway (Route 16) and

crosses over the MBTA Orange Line railroad bridge near the Wellington MBTA Station, then across the Malden River Bridge at the Medford/Everett town boundary.

Everett and Boston: The Alternative Route proceeds east in Everett on Route 16 to the Route 16/Route 99 rotary, and crosses under another MBTA railroad on to Broadway where it proceeds southwest on Broadway to Mystic Substation.

Public Review of the Company's Petitions

The general location, layout, dimensions, and configuration of the Preferred Route, Preferred Route Variation and Alternative Route for the Project are shown on maps and plans included in the Company's petitions. Copies of the Company's petitions are available for public inspection in hard-copy format at the following locations:

- Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110;
- Woburn Public Library, 45 Pleasant Street, Woburn, MA 01801;
- Woburn City Clerk, Woburn City Hall, 10 Common Street, Woburn, MA 01801;
- Winchester Public Library, 80 Washington Street, Winchester, MA 01890;
- Winchester City Clerk, Town Hall, 71 Mt. Vernon St., Winchester, MA 01890;
- Medford Public Library, 111 High Street, Medford, MA 02155;
- Medford City Clerk, Medford City Hall, Room 103, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA 02155;
- Somerville Public Library, 79 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143;
- Somerville Public Library, East Branch, 115 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02145
- Somerville City Clerk, City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143;
- Parlin Memorial Library, 410 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149;
- Everett City Clerk, Everett City Hall, Rm 10, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149
- Boston Public Library, Charlestown Branch, 179 Main St, Charlestown, MA 02129; and
- Boston City Clerk, Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, Boston MA 02201.

In addition, the Company's petitions are electronically available via the Department's website at: <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>. Enter "EFSB15-03" into the search box.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing public comments at the hearing may file written comments, and/or seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. Intervention as a party allows the person or organization to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding, including evidentiary hearings in Boston, and grants the right to appeal a final decision. A limited participant may receive many of the documents that will be submitted to the Siting Board and present written or oral argument to the Siting Board after evidentiary hearings conclude.

Any person who is interested in intervening as a party or participating as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Siting Board. A petition to intervene or a petition to participate as a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 980 C.M.R. § 1.00, the Siting Board's procedural rules, which can be found on the Board's website at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/energy-facilities-siting-board/>

Once on the website, click on "Relevant Regulations."

Filing Instructions

Written comments on the Company's petitions, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant, must be filed in three places:

First, the comments or petition must be filed in hard copy with: the Presiding Officer, Stephen August, Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Petitions must be filed no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.

Second, the comments or petition must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and Stephen.August@state.ma.us; or (2) on a PC-compatible compact disc filed with the Presiding Officer. The text of the email or the CD label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 15-03/D.P.U. 15-64/15-65); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

Third, the comments or petition must be sent in hard copy and electronically to counsel for Eversource Energy, Catherine Keuthen, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110; ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com.

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, including information about intervention or participation in the proceeding may also contact the Presiding Officer at the address or telephone number below:

Stephen August, Presiding Officer
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Boston, MA 02110
(617) 305-3622