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Re: Northeast Energy Center LLC, EFSB 18-04/D.P.U. 18-96

Dear Ms. Sedor:

Northeast Energy Center LLC (“NEC” or the “Petitioner”) hereby submits to the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”): (i) pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J, six (6) copies of its Amended and Restated Petition for Approval for a Gas Liquefaction and Storage Facility (the “Amended Siting Board Petition”); and (ii) pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, six (6) copies of its amended petition for a determination that certain zoning exemptions related to the Project are “reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public” (“Amended Zoning Exemption Petition”). NEC is proposing to construct and operate a newly configured and sited gas liquefaction, storage and truck-loading facility in the Town of Charlton, Massachusetts (“Project”) to meet established regional needs for liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) service including the requirements of a customer pursuant to an agreement previously approved by the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”). The Project will incorporate state-of-the-art technology and meet or exceed all relevant design requirements. The Petitioner had proposed a similar facility at an alternative site in Charlton pursuant to its original petitions in these proceedings dated August 31, 2018. These amended and restated petitions supersede the consolidated, earlier petitions and propose a newly-selected preferred site and a facility design that is consistent with an updated design plan submitted previously in this proceeding on November 7, 2018. The Petitioner’s initial preferred site and another studied site are now presented as so-called “noticed alternatives.” The new site is subject to comparable zoning as the originally-preferred location. The Amended Zoning Exemption Petition addresses the needed exemptions for the new location and enhanced Project design.

In its enclosed analysis supporting the Amended Siting Board Petition and Amended Zoning Exemption Petition, the Petitioner has included: (1) a detailed description of the revised Project; (2) an updated analysis of the need for the revised Project; (3) an updated analysis of the alternatives to the revised Project, the site selection and facility design process; and (4) an extensive review of the Project’s environmental impacts, proposed mitigation measures and satisfaction of all appropriate design requirements. In addition, the Petitioner’s Amended Siting Board Petition describes the Project’s consistency with the current health, environmental protection and resource use and development policies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Commonwealth”). In accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 69H and 69J and Siting Board precedent and standards, NEC’s Amended Siting Board Petition demonstrates that the Project will ensure a reliable supply of energy for the Commonwealth with the least environmental impact and at the lowest possible cost. In addition, NEC’s Amended Zoning Exemption Petition demonstrates that the Project is needed, will serve the public convenience and is consistent with the public interest.

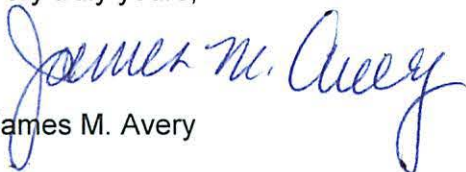
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In addition, an affidavit executed by Petitioner's environmental expert that confirms that the Project, as designed, does not trigger any filing requirements pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Act, which Applicant is required to file pursuant to the Department's Checklist for Filing Zoning Exemption Petitions, will be submitted under separate cover.

A draft form of Notice of Adjudication and Public Hearing ("Draft Notice") is also submitted for consideration by the Siting Board to the extent an additional public comment hearing is deemed necessary. Also, due to size restrictions of the Amended Siting Board Petition, the Amended Zoning Exemption Petition and the supporting Amended Analysis, we are providing a CD in order to meet the electronic filing requirements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

cc: Andrew Greene, Director, Energy Facilities Siting Board (electronic)  
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