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Mark D. Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 22-21

Dear Mr. Marini:

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) files herewith its petition, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72 (“Section 72 Petition”), seeking approval from the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) to construct, operate and maintain eight new 115-kilovolt (“kV”) underground transmission lines that will be housed in a total of five new duct banks, totaling approximately 8.3 miles, in portions of Cambridge, Somerville and Boston (the “New Lines”).¹ This work is collectively referred to as the Greater Cambridge Energy Program, or the “Project.”

Also, on this date, the Company is filing with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board”) a petition for approval to construct, operate and maintain the Project under G.L. c. 164, § 69J (the “Section 69J Petition”), which has been docketed as EFSB 22-03. The Section 69J Petition, in combination with the Section 72 Petition, demonstrate that, consistent with G.L. c. 164, § 72, the Project is needed, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

In order to ensure a coordinated and timely review of the interrelated petitions, the Company requests that: (1) the Chair of the Department refer to the Siting Board the Section 72 Petition; (2) the Siting Board accept for review the Section 72 Petition; and (3) the review of each petition be consolidated into one proceeding before the Siting Board. Accordingly, enclosed is a Motion to Refer the Section 72 Petition to the Siting Board for a consolidated review with the Company’s Section 69J Petition.

¹ For the eight new transmission lines, three of the new transmission lines will be paired in the same duct bank and two will be in separate duct banks.

Notices of Appearance of Counsel are being filed with the Section 69J Petition. In addition to the Section 72 Petition, the Company is providing the following herewith:²

- Completed Section 72 Checklist; and
- Filing fee of \$100.

In accordance with statutory requirements, the Company has forwarded a copy of the Section 69J and Section 72 Petitions to the City Clerks of Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



David S. Rosenzweig

Enclosures

cc: Jonathan Goldberg, Chief Legal Officer, Department of Public Utilities
Andrew Greene, Executive Director, Energy Facilities Siting Board
Joan Foster Evans, General Counsel, Energy Facilities Siting Board
Donna Sharkey, Presiding Officer, Energy Facilities Siting Board

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A consolidated Draft Notice of Public Hearing (hard copy and electronic version in MS Word format) is being provided with the Company's Section 69J Petition and is premised on the expectation that the review of the Section 72 Petition will be referred to the Siting Board and consolidated with the Section 69J Petition for review.