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NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY, d/b/a National Grid

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<p>Page 3</p> <p>1 PROCEEDINGS -- 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>2 MR. GIBEAU: Good evening. I would like</p> <p>3 to welcome everybody to this public comment hearing</p> <p>4 for the Energy Facilities Siting Board Docket EFSB</p> <p>5 21-04/DPU 21-149.</p> <p>6 Before we start, I want to explain how</p> <p>7 to use Zoom tonight to ensure that everyone can</p> <p>8 fully participate in this public comment hearing</p> <p>9 from the start. We have interpreters who will be</p> <p>10 translating from English to Spanish, Portuguese and</p> <p>11 Cape Verdean Creole and back. To select your</p> <p>12 desired language, click on the globe icon at the</p> <p>13 bottom of your screen and select English, Spanish</p> <p>14 Portuguese or Portuguese Creole so that you can hear</p> <p>15 everything said today with interpretation as needed.</p> <p>16 I will give you a moment to do that.</p> <p>17 For audio-only participation attendees</p> <p>18 can dial in at 646-558-8656. It is not a toll-free</p> <p>19 number. And then enter the webinar ID which is</p> <p>20 816-1008-4315.</p> <p>21 Please do not check the box that says</p> <p>22 mute original audio. We recommend this so that you</p> <p>23 can still hear the voice of the actual speaker</p> <p>24 faintly in the background, but mostly you will hear</p>	<p>Page 5</p> <p>1 Together we will call them the companies. They are</p> <p>2 seeking approval to construct, operate and maintain</p> <p>3 an approximately 12.1-mile, 115-kV primarily</p> <p>4 overhead electric transmission line along existing</p> <p>5 rights-of-way between Eversource Industrial Tap Park</p> <p>6 in Acushnet, Massachusetts and National Grid's Bell</p> <p>7 Rock Substation in Fall River, Massachusetts. We</p> <p>8 will call this proposed project the new line.</p> <p>9 Of the new line, 7.9 miles will be in</p> <p>10 Acushnet, New Bedford and Dartmouth and will be</p> <p>11 owned and operated by Eversource. 4.2 miles will be</p> <p>12 in Fall River and will be owned and operated by</p> <p>13 National Grid. In conjunction with the new line,</p> <p>14 National Grid and Eversource will be performing</p> <p>15 limited work at three existing substations. The new</p> <p>16 line together with the substation work is referred</p> <p>17 to as the Acushnet to Fall River Reliability</p> <p>18 Project, or the project.</p> <p>19 My name is Andre Gibeau. I am the</p> <p>20 Presiding Officer in this proceeding and I am</p> <p>21 conducting the remote public comment hearing here</p> <p>22 tonight.</p> <p>23 As you can see on your Zoom video</p> <p>24 stream, there are a number of others with me from</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 the Siting Board who will be involved in the review 2 of this project, including Andrew Greene, director 3 of the Siting Division; Joan Foster Evans, general 4 counsel of the Siting Division; Enid Kumin, an 5 economist with the Siting Division; and Logan 6 Hughes, an analyst with the Siting Division. 7 Counsel and company representatives from 8 Eversource and National Grid are participating 9 remotely on this Zoom public comment hearing. Using 10 Zoom the public will have a full opportunity to see 11 and hear everything said during this hearing and to 12 offer comment and ask questions. For those of you 13 accessing the meeting by phone dial-in, you too can 14 hear everything and have an opportunity to comment 15 or ask questions. 16 Instructions on how to participate were 17 provided in the public comment hearing notice which 18 was published in the newspapers and in the notices 19 which were sent to abutters. The public comment 20 hearing notice was also posted to the Eversource and 21 National Grid websites. In addition, you can find 22 the notice on the website for the Siting Board under 23 EFSB Siting Calendar and today's date. Furthermore, 24 the entire petition is available on the Siting</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 deadline to provide written comments as outlined in 2 the notice of the public comment hearing. We would 3 encourage anyone who does seek to participate to 4 review the material published on the Siting Board's 5 website which outlines the different ways in which 6 you can participate in our proceedings. 7 For example, you may participate as a 8 full intervenor with rights to ask discovery 9 questions of the companies, present witnesses, ask 10 questions of witnesses testifying at the hearings, 11 file briefs and motions, and to appeal the decision 12 of the Siting Board. In the alternative, you may 13 participate as an interested person who can receive 14 filings made in this proceeding and who may file 15 briefs to the Siting Board. The information on 16 participation is also in the public comment hearing 17 notice for this proceeding. If you would like a 18 copy of the notice and intervention rules, please 19 send your contact information to my email at Andre, 20 A n d r e, dot Gibeau, G i b e a u, @mass.gov. I 21 can send the information to you by email. 22 We now move to the companies' 23 presentation portion. May I have appearance of 24 counsel, please.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 Board's website. 2 I will now briefly describe how this 3 public comment hearing will proceed. First I will 4 provide some information on the companies' filing. 5 Next, I will allow the companies to make a 6 presentation regarding the project. After that 7 presentation, I will open the floor to comments and 8 questions from members of the public who wish to 9 offer oral comments tonight. Please note that we 10 will also review any written comments submitted by 11 the public by email through Monday, May 9, 2022. 12 The project includes a 12-mile 13 transmission line and related substation work. The 14 Siting Board will review the project under 15 Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 164, Subsection 16 69J and Subsection 72. Pursuant to these statutes 17 the Siting Board will review the companies' filing 18 to determine whether the proposed project would 19 contribute to reliable energy supply with a minimum 20 impact on the environment at the lowest possible 21 cost. 22 The deadline for participation as an 23 intervenor or as an interested person in this 24 proceeding is Monday, May 9, 2022, which is also the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 MR. KOEHLER: Good evening, Presiding 2 Officer Gibeau. My name is Mike Koehler from the 3 law firm Keegan Werlin LLP at 99 High Street in 4 Boston, Massachusetts. I am here tonight with my 5 colleague David Rosenzweig, and we are both here on 6 behalf of both Eversource Energy and National Grid. 7 I would also like to introduce Marisa Pizzi, who is 8 counsel for National Grid. 9 MR. GIBEAU: Thank you. I would note 10 that the companies have provided a certification 11 that the notice for this public comment hearing has 12 been provided consistent with the terms required by 13 the Siting Board. After the companies' 14 presentation, we will open up the floor for comments 15 and questions from the public. 16 Would the companies like to begin with 17 its presentation regarding the proposed project? 18 MR. KOEHLER: Yes, we would be happy to. 19 Again, thank you very much. It is good to see 20 everybody tonight. Again, my name is Mike Koehler 21 from Keegan Werlin. We have a great, knowledgeable 22 and full project team from both Eversource and 23 National Grid who represent the folks who are doing 24 all the work preparing all the various permitting</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 applications, including the Siting Board 2 application. I want to introduce -- we have a slide 3 show presentation that we anticipate will be about 4 ten minutes. Then we want to show everybody, we 5 have a Google Earth fly-over of the route itself so 6 that folks can get an overhead view or overhead 7 sense of the right-of-way and where we intend to 8 build the new transmission line. 9 So we have David Beron, who is the 10 project manager from National Grid, and Brad 11 Elliott, who is the project manager for Eversource. 12 Dave and Brad are going to tag team this PowerPoint 13 presentation. And then we'll hear from Karen 14 Hanecak from POWER Engineers, who is a consultant 15 for the companies on the project. 16 So without any further ado, I will turn 17 it over to Dave Beron. 18 MR. BERON: Thank you Mike. Good 19 evening ladies and gentlemen. We did want to give 20 this brief presentation. On the next slide we show 21 some of the topics that we will talk about, again 22 very briefly, project need and overview. And as 23 Mike indicated, we'll wrap up with a Google Earth 24 fly-over of the project route to give folks a good</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 concluded that there are inadequate transmission 2 resources to reliably serve the southeastern 3 Massachusetts area. And they recommended a series 4 of transmission projects to improve the reliability 5 of service in the area. One of these projects is 6 the Acushnet to Fall River Reliability Project that 7 we are discussing tonight. 8 This graphic shows a high-level view of 9 the route. The section in blue is the portion of 10 the project that will be constructed by Eversource. 11 And in yellow is the section that is in National 12 Grid's service territory. Starting on the right 13 end, the project will originate at a point in the 14 Eversource network known as the Industrial Park Tap. 15 It will travel 7.9 miles through three 16 municipalities in Massachusetts, Acushnet, New 17 Bedford and Dartmouth. At the Dartmouth/Fall River 18 boundary the line will enter National Grid's service 19 territory and will go approximately 4.2 miles 20 through Fall River and end at National Grid's Bell 21 Rock Substation. 22 This is a drawing that illustrates the 23 configuration of the transmission corridor. This is 24 an existing transmission right-of-way or corridor</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 sense of where the project is located. 2 The next slide shows at a high level how 3 the electric system works. So electricity is 4 produced at facilities, generating facilities. 5 These can be things like hydroelectric power plants, 6 gas-fired power plants, wind farms, solar farms, and 7 transmission lines like the proposed project we are 8 discussing tonight that move the electricity at high 9 voltage from where it is produced into the local 10 area. 11 The transmission lines connect to 12 substations which transform the voltage from high 13 voltage to a lower voltage, which is then carried on 14 distribution lines to the local homes and businesses 15 where the power is consumed. 16 The next slide discusses a little bit 17 about the project need. So a strong electric 18 transmission grid is really critical to the safety, 19 security, and economic growth of the region. 20 The planning of the transmission system 21 is managed by an organization known as the 22 Independent System Operator of New England, also 23 called ISO New England. They studied the 24 southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island area and</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 that has contained 115,000-volt transmission line 2 for many years. It is 150 feet wide. There is 3 presently 90 feet of cleared space in that 4 right-of-way that contains the existing transmission 5 line. The proposed project will be constructed by 6 clearing an additional 60-foot width of the corridor 7 and building the proposed transmission line that you 8 can see on the right side of this figure. 9 With that, I would like to hand the 10 discussion over to my colleague over at Eversource, 11 Brad Elliott. 12 MR. ELLIOTT: Good evening. I'm Brad 13 Elliott. I'm the PM for Eversource on this project. 14 What we have also is a somewhat generic view of our 15 structures and what we have currently in the 16 Eversource territory. As David mentioned, typically 17 they are what we call in the transmission business 18 an H-frame structure. You will see on the left side 19 of the drawing our current H-frame structure and 20 current line that is proceeding down the 21 right-of-way. And we are going to mirror that. 22 In the right-hand picture you will see 23 the secondary H-frame structure for this new line. 24 There will be times that it will actually traverse</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 to other kinds of structures like single poles and 2 triple poles depending on the angles and situations 3 they are in, but generally the majority will be this 4 H-frame structure. 5 We are fortunate at Eversource that we 6 have a cleared right-of-way. So we will not be 7 doing any clearing on the project. We are looking 8 forward to any comments. We will definitely be 9 having to take out any hazard trees, things of that 10 nature that may cause a problem in the future, but 11 generally speaking we shouldn't have any clearing to 12 do. 13 The next tab. What we have been doing 14 since April 2018, as you will see, we have had 15 multiple meetings with officials. We have had the 16 EFSB petition that we filed in December. We are 17 having the current public hearing today. We do 18 anticipate more federal and local permitting in the 19 second quarter of 2022, 2023. We are hoping to 20 start construction in the first quarter of 2024. 21 And the project completion date is December of 2024. 22 That's pretty aggressive in the permitting world, 23 but we are going to get there. 24 What we have got to do in the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 gravel or remove the gravel, depending on the area. 2 We then will reseed or correct any disturbed areas 3 that may be in the right-of-way. If we have 4 affected property owners, we will deal with each 5 individual specifically to make sure there's a 6 restoration plan to make it as good if not better 7 than it was before we started. 8 Next slide. General construction hours 9 when we work are Monday through Friday, 7:00 to 5:00 10 p.m. Saturdays if we do work could be 9:00 a.m. to 11 5:00 p.m. We use our best management practice going 12 forward. We are very cognizant of the impact that 13 it has on the community. We are aware that the 14 large trucks coming and heavy yellow iron 'dozers 15 are noisy so we try to keep everything to a minimum 16 if possible. 17 We'll have police details when we have 18 crossing of roads or railroads. We will try to 19 suppress the dust as much as possible. You will see 20 some water trucks out there doing what we call 21 suppression. 22 Next slide. As you see from this list, 23 we have got multiple permits and applications in 24 process as we speak. We do have the federal. We do</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 construction process, of course, is mostly the 2 vegetation removal on the National Grid side. We 3 will be environmentally controlling all of our work 4 using timber mats and gravel. Fortunately most of 5 the transmission line already has access roads down 6 them, gravel access roads that we will currently 7 continue to use to maintain the existing structures 8 that are on the right-of-way. We use that same line 9 to build the new one by using timber mats off of 10 there. So we will have limited impact on the actual 11 environmental sites as we string between the two. 12 We will drill foundations where needed. Some will 13 be foundations of concrete, others will be direct 14 burial. 15 We will assemble the structures, and we 16 will put what's called blocks on the top of the 17 structures which look like big pulleys. We will 18 pull the wire through the blocks to the appropriate 19 tension, which we call sag. And we will attach the 20 wire to the structure on insulators themselves. 21 The biggest issue here is once we have 22 finished the line and tested it, and as we proceed 23 on each structure we will take the environmental 24 controls, remove the matting, either spread the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 have the Massachusetts, multiple Massachusetts, and 2 we also have the local town boards. Multiply that 3 by five or six boards that we actually have to come 4 before as far as the towns are concerned. 5 Next slide. We are focused on taking 6 care of the community groups, the regional planners, 7 the businesses, the property owners, the state 8 officials and ministerial officials. These are all 9 stakeholders in the project, not just Eversource and 10 National Grid. We have a project communication with 11 each of these individuals or each of these offices. 12 And we have done door-to-door outreach as of now as 13 we have with door hangers and news releases. As 14 those of you evidently know, you are on this meeting 15 tonight, we have four different languages, English, 16 Spanish, Portuguese and Cape Verdean. 17 We, of course, are always willing to do 18 a one-to-one meeting if we need to with a concerned 19 landowner on their property abutting. You will see 20 there are two websites there, National Grid's and 21 Eversource's. We have an information website and a 22 hot line for the Fall River. 23 Finally, we have project contacts for 24 both National Grid and Eversource. We are probably</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 going to leave this on the screen, I would assume 2 afterwards, so that you can write this information 3 down. Dave and I are both on here with our phone 4 numbers and our email addresses. Our community 5 relations folks will definitely be available at all 6 times. Please write these down and let us know when 7 you have an issue. 8 MR. KOEHLER: I will interject really 9 quick. I have to say, we will turn this over to 10 Karen to do the fly-over, but then we will return to 11 that slide so that folks will have a chance to write 12 it down. 13 MR. ELLIOTT: Correct, okay. So at this 14 point, Karen, can you do the video fly-over for us 15 and we'll go back. 16 MS. HANECAK: Yes, thank you, Brad. I 17 will share my screen. Thank you. Again, I'm Karen 18 Hanecak. I'll be doing the Google Earth fly-over of 19 the proposed project. 20 We are starting here at the eastern 21 terminus, which is the Eversource Industrial Park 22 Tap off of Mendall Road in Acushnet. The color 23 highlighted on your screen is the location of the 24 new transmission line. We are traveling in Acushnet</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 Eversource and National Grid and into the City of 2 Fall River. 3 We continue on in the City of Fall River 4 within National Grid's existing utility easement. 5 We are continuing west here towards the Copicut 6 Reservoir, crossing over the Copicut Reservoir and 7 also adjacent to the reservoir up to Quanapoag Road. 8 Crossing over Copicut Road and continuing over what 9 is National Grid's utility easement in the City of 10 Fall River. Again, the colored lines are the 11 proposed project. 12 We will be crossing the areas of fire 13 roads, which is a network of roads that the City of 14 Fall River Water Department utilizes to access the 15 watershed lands in the reservoir. And continuing on 16 to the western terminus here at the Bell Rock 17 Substation on Bell Rock Road in the City of Fall 18 River. 19 That completes the Google Earth tour. 20 Mike Koehler, I'll pass it back over to you. 21 MR. KOEHLER: Thank you very much, 22 Karen. Thank you very much Brad and Dave. At this 23 point, Mr. Presiding Officer, we would turn it back 24 over to you with the note that we do have a large</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 towards Main Street and crossing over Main Street. 2 This is the area of Keith's Tree Farm. We are 3 continuing west towards the Acushnet River and 4 crossing over the Acushnet River towards Middle Road 5 in Acushnet, crossing over Middle Road and towards 6 Park Drive. Again, this is within Eversource's 7 existing utility easement. 8 We are continuing on in the Town 9 of Acushnet towards the City of New Bedford. We are 10 crossing here into the City of New Bedford over 11 Acushnet Avenue. We are continuing on over State 12 Route 140, and continuing to Phillips Road and into 13 the area of the New Bedford Industrial Park. We are 14 continuing over a rail corridor and still through 15 the City of New Bedford Industrial Park towards the 16 Town of Dartmouth. 17 We continue into the Town of Dartmouth 18 again within Eversource's existing utility corridor. 19 We are continuing west here towards High Hill Road. 20 And we are coming up on the High Hill Road crossing 21 and Eversource's existing High Hill Substation. And 22 we are continuing west in the Town of Dartmouth 23 towards Flag Swamp Road, and over Collins Corner 24 Road, and on to the transition point between</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 complement of experts from each company to the 2 extent issues come up that the project managers do 3 not themselves, don't have the answers to. So we 4 will do our best and listen and are interested to 5 hear what folks have to say. 6 MR. GIBEAU: If you could, I would like 7 to have those slides sent over so that we could post 8 them on the EFSB website. Any of the information 9 that is on there that people need to find will be on 10 our website once we receive them from you. 11 MR. KOEHLER: Will do. 12 MR. GIBEAU: Thank you. 13 An omission earlier; John Young our 14 Energy Facilities Siting Board Technical Director 15 was missed in the early introduction. Apologies, 16 John. He's here with us as well. 17 Before we begin, I'm going to outline 18 some guidelines to use in speaking at this hearing. 19 There is a stenographer who is also participating 20 remotely who will transcribe everything said during 21 this hearing. The written transcript of this 22 hearing will be posted in the Siting Board filing 23 room for this proceeding. The public comment 24 hearing is also streaming to the Department of</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 Public Utilities' YouTube channel. Please note that 2 the transcript produced by the stenographer is the 3 official record of this hearing. 4 As we are all relying on the internet or 5 telephones to participate, we could experience some 6 technical difficulties such as sounds from speakers, 7 including potential background noise, video and 8 audio issues, and potential delays. Therefore it is 9 imperative to speak slowly and clearly and allow a 10 speaker to finish speaking before you begin 11 speaking; and to pay attention to the video of the 12 person speaking and to my video. I will use the 13 Zoom toolbar to raise my hand as a signal if I need 14 to interrupt the person currently speaking to ask 15 that person to pause. We may also take frequent 16 breaks. 17 We appreciate the cooperation of 18 everyone participating in this hearing. I apologize 19 in advance for any technical difficulties that we 20 may encounter through the course of this remote 21 public comment hearing. If you have problems, 22 please raise your hand using the Zoom bar, maybe 23 stop for a minute to be sure that you guys know how 24 to do this. If anybody doesn't, now would be the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 Please raise your hand using the Zoom raise-hand 2 feature. One of our staff will take the steps 3 necessary to allow your comments to be heard by 4 everyone and included in the transcript of this 5 hearing. 6 MR. GREENE: Presiding Officer, I'm not 7 seeing anyone raising their hand currently in the 8 attendees group. Again, let me just reiterate the 9 instructions. At the bottom of your video screen 10 there is the raise-hand icon with a hand to identify 11 it. Just click on that if you would like to be 12 recognized to speak. I do not see anyone currently 13 raising their hand as an elected official. 14 MR. GIBEAU: Since we have provided the 15 opportunity for public officials to speak and having 16 none speak, we will open the floor to members of the 17 general public. We do not at this time have anybody 18 who has signed up in advance with the Siting Board 19 before this hearing. So we will take any questions 20 from the general audience from anyone who wishes to 21 speak. Once you do speak, we will ask those who 22 have already spoken once to wait until after 23 everyone has had the opportunity to speak once 24 before seeking to add to their original comments or</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 time to raise your hand. 2 Seeing none. Or dial 9 on your phone if 3 you are participating by phone. You may call or 4 text 857-200-0065 for assistance. 5 In the notice we requested that anyone 6 who was interested in speaking notify the Siting 7 Board in advance if possible. This is a great help 8 due to the mechanics of the remote platform. We 9 will begin with those federal, state and local 10 officials who wish to be heard. Then we will 11 proceed with the members of the public who have 12 signed up to speak in the order which they signed 13 up. Finally, we will allow comments from anyone 14 wishing to speak but who did not have a chance to 15 let us know in advance. 16 Please give your name and address and 17 spell your name for the stenographer and speak 18 slowly and clearly. Again, please stop speaking if 19 you see me raise my hand. If a company response to 20 a comment or question asked is appropriate, I will 21 ask the company representatives if they would like 22 to respond. 23 We will begin with public officials. 24 Are there any public officials who wish to be heard?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 questions. 2 If you would like to speak, please use 3 the raise-hand button on Zoom or dial asterisk 9 on 4 your phone if you are dialing in. I'm going to 5 remind you now that the entire proceeding tonight is 6 being interpreted in realtime. When speaking, each 7 person should remember to help the interpreters by 8 speaking in a loud, clear voice at a normal pace as 9 best you can. This will help the interpreters and 10 the court reporter to make sure your words are 11 correctly stated in the record. 12 Everyone on Zoom should make sure to 13 select their desired language, English, Portuguese, 14 Portuguese Creole or Cape Verdean Creole, or Spanish 15 by pressing the globe icon at the bottom of your 16 screen and then choosing your language. If you do 17 not select the language, you may not be able to hear 18 the current speaker. 19 MR. GREENE: We have Sara Riley. 20 MS. RILEY: Hi. Can you hear me all 21 right? 22 MR. GIBEAU: Yes. 23 MS. RILEY: My name is Sara Riley, S a r 24 a, R i l e y. I live at 1679 Copicut Road. I'm an</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 abutter, and I am also the neighborhood association 2 president in Fall River. I have a lot of questions. 3 I'll just take one at a time. 4 I would like to know the 1950 easement 5 whether or not it ever intended to have a second 6 line over it and whether that line, they ever 7 factored in the line going over drinking water -- 8 and obviously they hadn't figured on it going 9 through a bioreserve because the bioreserve had yet 10 to be initiated -- and whether or not we have 11 biologists coming down to visit the area because we 12 have significant at-risk species that we need to 13 discuss. 14 MR. BERON: Good evening, Ms. Riley. 15 This is David Beron from National Grid. I'm the 16 project manager. I know you appeared and asked some 17 questions at an earlier open house we had last year 18 or the year before. Thank you for attending 19 tonight. 20 Yes, as you pointed out the transmission 21 corridor predates the bioreserve. The right-of-way 22 is 150-feet wide. It allows the company to 23 construct numerous transmission lines that can be 24 built at the same or different times. It is a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 the eagles are actually using the corridor to travel 2 between reservoirs? I'm asking you that facetiously 3 because I know that you don't know. This is all new 4 information. We have lots of bits of evidence to 5 present to biologists. And we would like to see the 6 biologist that actually represents the state down 7 here for a site visit because they are not familiar 8 with this area or any of our species. 9 MR. BERON: Sure. We would be happy to 10 follow up and meet the biologist you are talking 11 about if that's something you are interested in. I 12 will say that the right-of-way provides excellent 13 habitat. It is what we call scrub-shrub habitat. 14 It really provides excellent environmental 15 characteristics for a variety of species, including 16 pollinators like bees and butterflies. It is 17 important habitat. It is contained within the 18 larger, I think it is something like 13,000 acres 19 that make up the southeast Mass. bioreserve. Scrub- 20 shrub habitat is certainly important and it provides 21 good characteristics that actually do encourage the 22 travel and migration of species. 23 MS. RILEY: But does the benefit 24 outweigh clear-cutting 80 feet wide by four miles</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 perpetual easement. So the answer to the question 2 is yes, it does provide for multiple transmission 3 lines to be constructed and maintained in the 4 corridor. 5 I know after the last meeting we did 6 have several of our team meet with you on your 7 property and we discussed the project and some of 8 your questions. We do have a number of 9 environmental staff on the project, some of who I 10 think met with you following the last open house. 11 So we certainly have wetlands scientists, plant 12 scientists, rare, threatened, and endangered species 13 scientists, and general environmental subject matter 14 experts that are participating as part of the 15 project team. 16 MS. RILEY: And they are aware that they 17 are clear-cutting right to the water's edge and that 18 there are bald eagles actually nesting in the area? 19 MR. BERON: Correct, yes. Yes. We are 20 proposing in the National Grid service area to clear 21 60 feet of trees. Again, that is in the existing 22 corridor along the southern edge of the 23 right-of-way. 24 MS. RILEY: And are you guys aware that</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 through southeastern Massachusetts bioreserve -- 2 (inaudible). 3 THE REPORTER: Sorry. I did not get the 4 question. Please speak clearly. 5 MS. RILEY: My question is whether or 6 not that benefit outweighs the risks of clear- 7 cutting 80 feet, correct me if I'm wrong, by four 8 miles through the state's only bioreserve. 9 MR. BERON: It is a 60-foot width of 10 trees, not 80 feet. But again, I think it is very 11 lush habitat, frankly. All that's missing are the 12 mature, tall trees. It is not like the corridor is 13 denuded of vegetation. It is actually very lush and 14 varied with the scrub-shrub habitat that does 15 provide a benefit not only in itself but also the 16 edge effect where the scrub-shrub habitat meets the 17 forested edge. So I do think there are benefits, 18 yes. 19 MS. RILEY: Where it meets the water's 20 edge it will permit off-road vehicle use to the 21 water's edge which is going to create a lot of 22 environmental impact to the reservoir because the 23 area is not policed. I've asked National Grid's 24 representative to speak with the Fall River Police</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 Department's chief of police to speak about -- we 2 have one environmental police that covers this area 3 from here all the way down to Cook Pond in Fall 4 River. And they don't have the resources to police 5 the area. And we have lots of off-road activity. 6 The power lines are a haven for that. 7 And if it is cleared right to the water's edge, it 8 is going to have a big impact not only on the 9 reservoir and the habitat but also the entire 10 neighborhood, it is going to be a major problem not 11 during the construction but for years to come. 12 MR. BERON: It's a fair point, 13 Ms. Riley. We have been coordinating over the last 14 several years with Mike Labossiere who is the 15 Watuppa Reservation superintendent also on the City 16 of Fall River water board. 17 MS. RILEY: But he doesn't police it 18 though. He doesn't police it. He just maintains 19 the forest. 20 MR. BERON: National Grid will commit to 21 installing gates and guardrails where appropriate to 22 inhibit access. Again, it is a very remote area. I 23 can't put my hand on my heart and say we can 24 absolutely stop all trespass onto the right-of-way,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 with grass clippings whatever I can to fill it in so 2 I can eventually buy some dirt and fill that over 3 that. It really destroyed our property and it 4 devalued our property. 5 I had two realtors come in and say the 6 mess they made has definitely brought down the 7 valued of my home. So when you say you come in and 8 clear whatever and you make it nice, no, you don't. 9 That needs to be rectified. You need to be very, 10 very careful of how you come in and just destroy 11 people's property, take down trees that even if they 12 had fallen they wouldn't hit your lines. 13 I had at one point like seven guys 14 running through my yard. I even got in touch with a 15 lawyer to have them not come in my yard. Because 16 you are in your upstairs and they're just running 17 around cutting all these trees. I mean what's going 18 on? I'm very upset. 19 I've heard that people come in and 20 specialize in this and that. We have a well. You 21 say you laid out this stuff, and it does not affect 22 anything. Well, I had dead birds, dead rabbits, and 23 everything in this yard, and all the neighbors did, 24 and yet you guys said you use stuff that didn't hurt</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 but we can certainly put our best foot forward and 2 install gates, guardrails and other blockades to 3 inhibit that sort of activity. 4 MS. RILEY: They don't work with no 5 policing. I can attest to that. They don't work. 6 They just go around them. 7 MR. GIBEAU: Thank you for the question. 8 We have JoAnn Custodio. 9 MR. GREENE: I am moving her over to the 10 panel. 11 MR. GIBEAU: Ms. Custodio? 12 MS. CUSTODIO: Yes. 13 MR. GIBEAU: Hi. You had your hand 14 raised. Do you have a question? 15 MS. CUSTODIO: I do. JoAnn Custodio, J 16 o A n n, C u s t o d i o. 17 My question to you, you had mentioned, 18 and Mr. Elliott mentioned that they leave the 19 properties after they come and take the trees down 20 and everything is better than they left (verbatim) 21 them, and it is pleasing to the eye. That is not 22 true. They came in, and my backyard was like a bomb 23 went off over here. I have craters in the backyard. 24 I've been filling it in with trees, with leaves,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 anything. 2 By taking down so many of these trees 3 that you have done, now that you do have vegetation 4 growing, but it is bamboo, briars, you name it. It 5 looks horrible, absolutely horrible. When the trees 6 were there at least you had coverage so that none of 7 this stuff was growing. Now it is just like a weed 8 fest of all these crazy things growing. And I don't 9 care what you try to do. I pulled them. I have had 10 my neighbor come in with a bulldozer and yank them 11 out and they keep growing back. What are you guys 12 going to do to fix my property so that I'm not 13 losing value? 14 MR. GIBEAU: Ms. Custodio, before they 15 answer, can you provide your address? 16 MS. CUSTODIO: 20 Brittany Lane. 17 MR. GIBEAU: In which town? 18 MS. CUSTODIO: Dartmouth. 19 MR. GIBEAU: Thank you. 20 MR. ELLIOTT: This is Brad. I'm 21 concerned they've had problems in the past. 22 MS. CUSTODIO: Let me stop. One other 23 thing too. And these gentlemen that you guys have 24 come down from Eversource -- I don't know who I</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 spoke to when I called on this as well -- pouring 2 outside, somebody pulls up to my trailer with an 3 Eversource truck and they are ready to take off with 4 my trailer, and I go out there and say, Hey, what 5 are you doing? He said, I'm just checking the line. 6 I called Eversource and they said nobody should be 7 out checking the line. But he was in an Eversource 8 truck. I saw it myself. I feel a bit on edge right 9 now, but I'm a little concerned when you guys say 10 how you go down and you make this property look 11 good, yet you have all these strangers coming in. 12 And it is a big concern. Overall there's quite a 13 few issues. 14 MR. ELLIOTT: I totally understand. I 15 can only speak from my own experience. I do have 16 folks online here that can probably speak to the 17 history. I do not know the history. Leah, can you 18 address these issues? I don't know if you have 19 talked to JoAnn already. 20 MS. GYMZIAK: Thank you, Brad. Hi, 21 JoAnn, hi everyone. This is Leah Gymziak with 22 Eversource project services. 23 JoAnn, I believe what you are referring 24 to -- and this is based on a conversation that we</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 items. 2 MS. CUSTODIO: That would be great. But 3 when will that happen? Again, you are saying that 4 you guys leave everything nice and neat. You did 5 not do that on Brittany Lane. The people on 6 Brittany Lane, they came down, took down the trees, 7 came down, smashed everything. It looks horrible. 8 And it has been like this for quite a few years. 9 And I filled in some and paid for it, but it still 10 does not look right. And since my husband has 11 passed away, I just can't keep doing it all by 12 myself. 13 And if you guys come in and say you make 14 it nice - no, you haven't. Let's make sure that's 15 clear. You did not do that, at least on my property 16 you did not do it. Maybe somebody else's you may 17 have but not here you didn't, not on Brittany Lane. 18 MR. ELLIOTT: JoAnn, I can understand 19 your frustration, to say the least. The only thing 20 I can offer you tonight is to note that I have been 21 doing this for 30 years and I have never had a 22 complaint against my projects. This is new 23 information to me. Leah has brought on the 24 information and we will resolve it. It is fairly</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 did have last week for folks on the call. JoAnn is 2 referring to some activity that took place under the 3 vegetation management program. We have spoken with 4 JoAnn. I understand her concerns and frustrations 5 with what had taken place. 6 JoAnn, we are more than willing and more 7 than happy to set up a time to speak with you onsite 8 regarding these concerns. In addition, we are 9 hoping to attempt to remedy some of them on behalf 10 of this particular Acushnet to Fall River 11 reliability project. 12 It certainly is challenging. I believe 13 a lot of the information you are referring to is 14 historical situations. When Brad spoke to site 15 remediation and repair of properties to original if 16 not better condition, we are specifically in this 17 situation talking about the construction of a 18 brand-new, 115-kV transmission line. That certainly 19 doesn't justify some of the concerns you brought 20 forth today, but we are on behalf of the project 21 wanting to work with you in an attempt to remedy 22 some of those concerns. We are unable to change the 23 past, per se, but are hoping to create a new dynamic 24 where we are able to work with you on some of these</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 simple for me to do it as project manager. 2 I was unaware of the land clearing or 3 the right-of-way clearing crew. It sounds like 4 that's what happened. I will do a little more 5 discussion with Leah and we'll get back to you. 6 MS. CUSTODIO: They can go along the 7 power line behind our property to see what I'm 8 talking about. 9 MR. ELLIOTT: Understood. I can make a 10 trip out there to take a look. Not problem. 11 MS. GYMZIAK: JoAnn, as mentioned last 12 week, we are more than happy to set up an onsite 13 meeting and attempt to address each and every one of 14 these items. So the record may show, JoAnn's 15 property is located off the right-of-way just south 16 of the High Hill Substation in Dartmouth. So the 17 project we are speaking on this evening is actually 18 located on, for the purposes of an aerial map, the 19 more northern right-of-way. So this particular 20 project that JoAnn mentioned last week will not be 21 constructed on the right-of-way directly abutting 22 your property. 23 MS. CUSTODIO: What brought that to my 24 attention when I saw that -- and Leah, I want to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 thank you so much. You have been the most informing 2 person of anyone I have spoken to for years from 3 Eversource. You have been the most reliable, and on 4 target, and got back to me. I appreciate that. 5 Thank you so much. 6 If someone will come down and meet with 7 me so I can show them what I'm talking about. I 8 don't know what do to stop the growth that's there 9 now that never was there and just keeps coming up 10 year after year. And again I had two realtors tell 11 me I have to clean it up because it is really is 12 hurting the value of my property. Thank you. 13 MS. GYMZIAK: You are welcome, JoAnn. 14 We will be in touch to set up a time to meet with 15 you onsite. 16 MS. CUSTODIO: Thank you. 17 MR. GIBEAU: Are there any other 18 attendees who would like to ask a question or make a 19 comment? Andy, anybody on your screen? 20 MR. GREENE: No. I would like to remind 21 any attendees who would like to comment or ask a 22 question to please raise their hand using the Zoom 23 raise-hand function at the bottom of the screen. As 24 of now I see Ms. Riley raising her hand but nobody</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 have erosion into the reservoir along Copicut Road 2 where it crosses past Indian Town Road. We have a 3 section on Quanapoag that I've been asking the city 4 to come down for years with engineering to look at. 5 Since the 2010 floods, the damage that was done to 6 that causeway -- the Copicut River goes underneath 7 Quanapoag Road. The area that you are planning on 8 clearing right to the water's edge you can't have 9 heavy vehicles going over that. I don't think that 10 engineering has cleared that for heavy-duty traffic 11 and I don't think it can sustain it. 12 I'm frankly terrified to have my kids 13 even walk down that road because there's such bad 14 erosion on either side. I don't think that the land 15 can sustain foot traffic, never mind vehicle 16 traffic. 17 So what I wanted to know is whether or 18 not you guys have actually a plan for that section 19 between the top of Copicut Hill -- so if you are 20 coming west from the Bell Rock Substation and you 21 are coming down the power line pretty much at the 22 top of that hill where the fire lane comes across, 23 coming down that hill, all the way to the very top 24 of the hill on the other side of the Copicut</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 who has not yet spoken. 2 MR. GIBEAU: Ms. Riley? 3 MS. RILEY: Thank you. I didn't have 4 the raise-hand button on the bottom of the screen. 5 I also wanted to ask whether or not you 6 guys have met with the Fall River Department of 7 Public Works regarding the road concerns that we 8 have on Copicut Road. It is a two-mile road that 9 you have to weave down the road like this 10 (indicating) the whole two miles in Fall River 11 because it is in such terrible shape. 12 JoAnn, you might want to mute 13 yourselves. 14 MS. CUSTODIO: I'm sorry but I am just 15 so upset. 16 MS. RILEY: I understand. I understand. 17 So the Copicut Road residents have to 18 weave down the road as it is because the road is in 19 such terrible shape. It hasn't been paved since 20 they put the road in essentially, except for one 21 small portion at the beginning. The road cannot 22 sustain the kind of heavy-duty traffic that you are 23 planning on having come up to do the land clearing, 24 the tree clearing, and whatever construction. We</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 Reservoir the only egress is Copicut Road. 2 It's the only place that you can bring 3 vehicles in. Unless you are planning on bringing 4 trucks up the power line road from Bell Rock and all 5 the way up to -- this is the top, the highest point 6 in Fall River at that point, up that road and then 7 down the power line, Copicut Road cannot sustain 8 that kind of traffic. I have asked you guys whether 9 or not you have made a plan with the Department of 10 Public Works in Fall River to make a plan whether or 11 not the road can even sustain that and what kind of 12 damage it is going to do and how you will correct 13 that for the Copicut Road residents. 14 MR. BERON: Thank you, again, for the 15 question. It's a fair point. We actually have a 16 project going on right now at the Bell Rock 17 Substation which was also in significant disrepair. 18 MS. RILEY: Yes, sir, it was. 19 MR. BERON: It is not paved, like you 20 said, a lot of potholes. What we did in order to 21 have safe and efficient access is actually make some 22 improvements to a section of Bell Rock Road. I 23 think we would be certainly open to doing that for a 24 section of Copicut Road to the extent it's not</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 42</p> <p>1 passable.</p> <p>2 As far as the culvert sort of overpass,</p> <p>3 we would certainly discuss that Mike Labossiere and</p> <p>4 DPW to get any rating information. It does look to</p> <p>5 be in good condition and structurally sound and we</p> <p>6 could actually plate over that to distribute any</p> <p>7 vehicle loads to the extent it has to be crossed.</p> <p>8 Let me pass it over to Jamie Durand, who</p> <p>9 I know is one of the individuals who met with you on</p> <p>10 site.</p> <p>11 Jamie, anything you would like to add to</p> <p>12 that?</p> <p>13 MR. DURAND: This is Jamie Durand. I</p> <p>14 met you maybe a year ago.</p> <p>15 MS. RILEY: Hi, Jamie.</p> <p>16 MR. DURAND: As Dave said, we have had</p> <p>17 some discussions with the Fall River DPW. We are</p> <p>18 aware that the roads and fire roads and even public</p> <p>19 roads are in rough shape. So prior to the project</p> <p>20 if and when we get all our permits we would meet</p> <p>21 with the city again to see if we make improvements</p> <p>22 prior to construction. Then we have a commitment</p> <p>23 to -- obviously if we have any construction damage</p> <p>24 we would repair the roads.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 44</p> <p>1 working with Enbridge to use their pipeline</p> <p>2 right-of-way so that we can have multiple ways of</p> <p>3 egress and access to the right-of-way.</p> <p>4 MS. RILEY: Would you not acknowledge</p> <p>5 that at least a two-mile period from hill to hill on</p> <p>6 either side is going to be Copicut Road egress?</p> <p>7 MR. DURAND: Copicut Road where you</p> <p>8 live, there will certainly be construction traffic</p> <p>9 there. But for the larger tree-clearing equipment,</p> <p>10 once on the right-of-way they will travel for the</p> <p>11 most part up and down the right-of-way.</p> <p>12 MS. RILEY: Okay. They are not going to</p> <p>13 be actually on the water in that area where it</p> <p>14 crosses the Copicut Reservoir? That's pretty much</p> <p>15 all clear-cutting right to the water's edge. You</p> <p>16 said you had a plan for the vehicles not to be</p> <p>17 disturbing the water's edge as they are clear</p> <p>18 cutting. How do they do that?</p> <p>19 MR. DURAND: That's correct. We won't</p> <p>20 have vehicles traversing through the water. We have</p> <p>21 been meeting with the Forestry Department at</p> <p>22 National Grid. For instance, they have these large</p> <p>23 pieces of equipment, some are called brontosaurus,</p> <p>24 where they have a long, extendable boom that can</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 43</p> <p>1 As Dave said, the crossing you are</p> <p>2 talking about where the old dam is, we will likely</p> <p>3 going to have an engineer look at it. We are pretty</p> <p>4 satisfied that the culvert is in good shape, but we</p> <p>5 do believe that we would have to cross that with</p> <p>6 steel plates to protect the underlying culvert.</p> <p>7 When we were in the field with you</p> <p>8 before, you pointed out the bollards that were once</p> <p>9 there. Our intention would be to reinstall bollards</p> <p>10 so that that crossing is safe for construction but</p> <p>11 also safer for anyone else who wants to use that</p> <p>12 area.</p> <p>13 You did mention that there would be some</p> <p>14 clearing, obviously some tree clearing and mowing.</p> <p>15 Once we do the tree clearing and mowing, we would be</p> <p>16 installing soil erosion and sediment controls for</p> <p>17 construction to prevent erosion into the reservoir.</p> <p>18 Another thing, I agree there's a lot of</p> <p>19 heavy-duty forestry equipment. But once it gets on</p> <p>20 the right-of-way -- I wouldn't say it is not going</p> <p>21 to use Copicut Road -- but it will travel like from</p> <p>22 Bell Rock Road and go down the right-of-way.</p> <p>23 Copicut Road is one access. We have Bell Rock Road.</p> <p>24 We use Copicut Road, Quanapoag Road, and also we are</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 45</p> <p>1 reach and basically clip the tree and pick it up and</p> <p>2 just move it away.</p> <p>3 In some instances some trees may be</p> <p>4 taken down by hand. They may be dropped and mopped</p> <p>5 up in pieces and then removed by equipment that does</p> <p>6 not enter the --</p> <p>7 MS. RILEY: The wetlands?</p> <p>8 MR. DURAND: It won't enter the open</p> <p>9 water. In some cases if we have large, extensive</p> <p>10 wetlands we may have to place temporary swamp mats</p> <p>11 for the construction -- not the construction, the</p> <p>12 clearing equipment to travel on swamp mats to clear</p> <p>13 forested wetlands.</p> <p>14 MS. RILEY: Will that go right over the</p> <p>15 Copicut River, just beyond Quanapoag? That's where</p> <p>16 the Copicut River comes in from the head of the</p> <p>17 spring in the swamp north of us.</p> <p>18 MR. DURAND: We would use the existing</p> <p>19 access road. With the water flowing we would have</p> <p>20 to use temporary timber mats to build like an air</p> <p>21 bridge.</p> <p>22 MS. RILEY: Remember I had said that</p> <p>23 that bridge at Quanapoag Road where the river goes</p> <p>24 underneath it, that was submerged 15 inches under</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p> <p>1 water in the 2010 floods and not one thing has been 2 done to it since. So I'm going to insist that 3 engineering comes down. I think you guys should 4 contract through a separate engineering company than 5 your engineering company in order to be fair to the 6 City of Fall River. 7 MR. DURAND: Just for clarification, 8 Sara, are you talking about where the old dam is, 9 the stone wall? Is that the area you are talking 10 about? 11 MS. RILEY: I'm talking about where the 12 Copicut River comes underneath Quanapoag and feeds 13 into the reservoir. There's two culverts, an old 14 culvert 20 feet to the south. And underneath 15 Quanapoag Road is another culvert with a big 16 concrete pipe. And it drops off on either side. On 17 the north side it drops off into the swamp and the 18 existing power line easeway, but it is all swamp. 19 And on the right side it drops down into 20 the river. I've been worrying and waiting over the 21 last 12 years waiting for another vehicle to fall 22 into it. That has happened. We have had boats 23 dumped in there. 24 MR. DURAND: We would be certainly</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p> <p>1 MS. RILEY: Yes. 2 MR. BERON: Jamie, I would also suggest 3 we get the DPW to attend that and perhaps Mike 4 Labossiere so we can have a thorough vetting of 5 Ms. Riley's issues. 6 MS. RILEY: With engineering. 7 MS. ARETZ: This is Danielle Aretz. I'm 8 from National Grid. Hi, Sara. I will follow up 9 with you via email. We can set up that meeting for 10 you with environmental and engineering and the DPW. 11 MR. GIBEAU: Thank you. 12 Are there any other attendees who would 13 like to participate at this time? I don't see any 14 hands. Andy, do you see anything? 15 MR. GREENE: I do not see any hands 16 among the attendees. If there's anyone who wants to 17 speak, please raise your hand at the bottom of your 18 screen. I do not see any additional commenters. 19 MR. GIBEAU: Okay. Before we conclude 20 the public comment hearing this evening, I would 21 like to remind everyone of the opportunity to 22 participate in this evidentiary hearing if you 23 desire. We would encourage anyone who does seek to 24 participate to review the information on different</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p> <p>1 willing to meet with you again to be sure what 2 you're talking about. I know where that river 3 crossing is that you are talking about. We do have 4 a particular plan for not having equipment travel on 5 to the old dam, on the stone wall. Again, that 6 would be for equipment that can reach over from the 7 access road or the clearing would be done by hand. 8 MS. RILEY: Right. But my concern is 9 actually on Quanapoag going over the existing newer 10 culvert. That area was 15 inches under water with a 11 Niagara Falls pouring over it during the 2010 12 floods. Nothing has been done to it since. There 13 is significant erosion on either side. 14 You may not recognize it as erosion 15 because you haven't been here 15 years. But I know 16 it as erosion because we have lost at least a foot 17 of land on either side of that road since the 2010 18 flood. It's not stable for that kind of heavy 19 machinery. I'm telling you that now. 20 MR. DURAND: In closing, I guess I would 21 recommend that we schedule a site visit with you to 22 see exactly what you are talking about and confirm 23 your observations and take note if that's okay with 24 you?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p> <p>1 types of participation that is listed in the public 2 comment hearing notice for this proceeding and on 3 the Siting Board website. 4 If you would like a copy of the notice 5 and intervention rules, please send your contact 6 information to my email address, which should be on 7 the screen shortly, A n d r e dot G i b e a u 8 @mass.gov. I can send the information to you by 9 email. Any written comments or any petitions to 10 participate further in the evidentiary hearings 11 should be sent to me at my email address. Comments 12 are due by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9th, 2022. 13 Petitions to participate as an intervenor or 14 interested person are also due by 5:00 p.m. on 15 Monday, May 9th of 2022. 16 In addition, any comments must be sent 17 by email to counsel for the companies. That would 18 be Mike Koehler, Esquire and Attorney David 19 Rosenzweig of the firm of Keegan Werlin. Attorney 20 Koehler's email address is M k o e h l e r @ k e e g 21 a n w e r l i n dot com. And Attorney Rosenzweig's 22 email address is D r o s e n @KeeganWerlin, K e e g 23 a n w e r l i n, dot com. 24 If you have access to email and want any</p>

<div>Page 50</div> <div>1 clarification on anything that I have said during 2 this hearing, please email me. Again, my email 3 address, A n d r e dot G i b e a u @mass.gov. Those 4 without email access may call me at 617-794-6388 5 before Monday, May 9, 2022, which is the deadline 6 for receipt of public comment in this docket. 7 I would like to thank you all for your 8 participation in the hearing tonight. Before we go, 9 I don't know if the -- 10 Logan, did you pop up the slide for 11 contact so people have it if they want to take a 12 screen shot? 13 My number again is 617-794-6388. If you 14 have any trouble remember the email address that I 15 have you or need clarification on anything, feel 16 free to give me a call, and I'll have all the 17 information to pass on to you should you need it. 18 Thank you again for participating. This 19 concludes the public comment hearing this evening. 20 Take care and have a good night. 21 (8:15 p.m. 22 23 24</div>	<div>Page 52</div> <div>1 INDEX 2 3 PRESENTERS: 4 5 Dave Beron, Brad Elliott, Karen Hanecak, Pg. 10 6 7 COMMENTERS: 8 9 Sara Riley, Pg. 25, 39 10 11 JoAnn Custodio, Pg. 31 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24</div>
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