

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

EFSB 21-02/D.P.U. 22-59

Cranberry Point Energy Storage, LLC

On August 27, 2021, Cranberry Point Energy Storage, LLC (“Cranberry Point” or the “Company”) filed a petition with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J¼, to construct a 150 megawatt (“MW”), 300 megawatt-hour (“MWh”), battery energy storage system and ancillary electrical equipment to be located on a six-acre parcel of land at 31R Main Street, Carver, Massachusetts (the “Project”). Under G.L. c. 164, § 69J¼, the Siting Board will review the Company’s filing to determine whether the proposed Project would contribute to a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost. On May 11, 2022, the Company filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”), pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, §3 for a comprehensive exemption of the Zoning Bylaws for the Town of Carver (the “Zoning Petition”). The Siting Board will review the Zoning Petition to determine whether the zoning exemption is required for the Project, and if the proposed use of the land or structure is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public. The Siting Board will review the two petitions in one proceeding. The Siting Board will conduct a second public comment hearing regarding the Project because of the Zoning Petition.

The Siting Board will conduct a remote public comment hearing regarding the Project using Zoom videoconferencing at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86025291943> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **(646) 558-8656 (not toll free)** and then enter the Webinar ID: **860-2529-1943**.

If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public comment hearing, please send an email to geneen.bartley@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address by **July 12, 2022**. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message at (617) 305-3529 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **Monday, July 11, 2022**. Additional comments will be allowed during the public comment hearing, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

At the public comment hearing, Cranberry Point will present an overview of the proposed Project. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and offer comments about the proposed Project. The public comment hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. A recording of the public comment hearing will be posted to the [Department’s YouTube](#) channel after the public comment hearing. Written comments also will be accepted by the Siting Board until 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, July 26, 2022**.

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format, by email or email attachment, to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and to andre.gibeau@mass.gov no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, July 26, 2022**.

Project Description

Cranberry Point proposes to construct a 150 MW/300 MWh battery energy storage system with adjacent electrical equipment to be located at 31R Main Street in Carver. The proposed six-acre Project Site consists of undeveloped land located south of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy's ("Eversource") existing Carver Substation, east of an existing electrical right-of-way, north and west of cranberry bogs. The Project would use lithium-ion batteries located inside above-ground self-contained enclosures; the dimensions of a single enclosure would be approximately 23.5 feet long, 5.4 feet wide, and 8.3 feet tall. Cranberry Point would initially install approximately 116 enclosures, with space open at the end of each enclosure to accommodate additional battery units in the future as the initial set of batteries lose capacity over time. Pairs of battery enclosures would connect to step-up transformers, which in turn connect to a new Project substation. The Project substation would include a single transformer, circuit breakers, and a cable riser structure.

Eversource would construct a new switching station on the western portion of the six-acre parcel; the switching station is necessary for the Project to interconnect with the electric transmission system. Major equipment in the switching station would include three circuit breakers. Eversource would also install two new transmission structures in its right-of-way near the Carver Substation.

The Company proposes two routes to access the battery enclosures. Cranberry Point would improve the existing approximately 530-foot-long gravel access driveway from Main Street to the Project Site to a width of 20 feet and extend it farther south on the east side of the Project Site to allow for emergency vehicle access. The Project Site would also have an additional access point on the northwest corner. A map and rendering of the Project Site are included at the end of this Notice.

The Project would absorb electrical energy during off-peak hours, store the energy, and then release electrical energy onto the electric grid during times of peak demand. The Company states that the Project would improve the reliability and efficiency of the electric grid by storing electrical energy generated during off-peak periods, when there is a surplus of low-cost energy available, and dispatching the electrical energy into the grid during peak periods. A figure showing the layout of the Project is provided at the end of this Notice.

Public Review of the Company's Petition

The general location, layout, dimensions, and configuration of the Project are shown on maps and plans included with the Company's filing. Electronic copies of Cranberry Point's petitions and attachments have been submitted to the Town of Carver. Copies of the Petitions and all attachments are available for public inspection in electronic format at the following locations:

- Energy Facilities Siting Board's website at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFSB21-02>,
- The Company's website at: <https://cranberrypointenergystorage.com/>,
- or by requesting an electronic copy of the filing from the Company's attorney, Andrew O. Kaplan, email address: akaplan@pierceatwood.com

The Siting Board has created a special information webpage for this proceeding and will update it during the course of the proceeding: <https://mass.gov/info-details/cranberry-point-energy-storage>

To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, or audio form) for persons with disabilities contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board's proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments may seek either to intervene as

a party or to participate as a limited participant. Intervention as a party allows the person or group to participate fully in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding, including the right to participate in evidentiary hearings, and to appeal a final decision. A limited participant would receive documents in the proceeding, may file a brief and file written comments and/or present oral comments regarding the Tentative Decision to the Siting Board.

Any person wishing to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Presiding Officer. A petition to intervene or a petition to participate as a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 980 CMR 1.00, the Siting Board's procedural rules, which can be found on the Siting Board's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/980-cmr-1-rules-for-the-conduct-of-adjudicatory-proceedings/download>. To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to 980 CMR 1.05 must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding.

Filing Instructions for Comments and Intervener/Limited Participant Petitions

Written comments on the Company's Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be filed in two places:

First, the petition to intervene or participate, and comments must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic form by email or email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and andre.gibeau@mass.gov no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, July 26, 2022**. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 21-02/D.P.U. 22-59); (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.

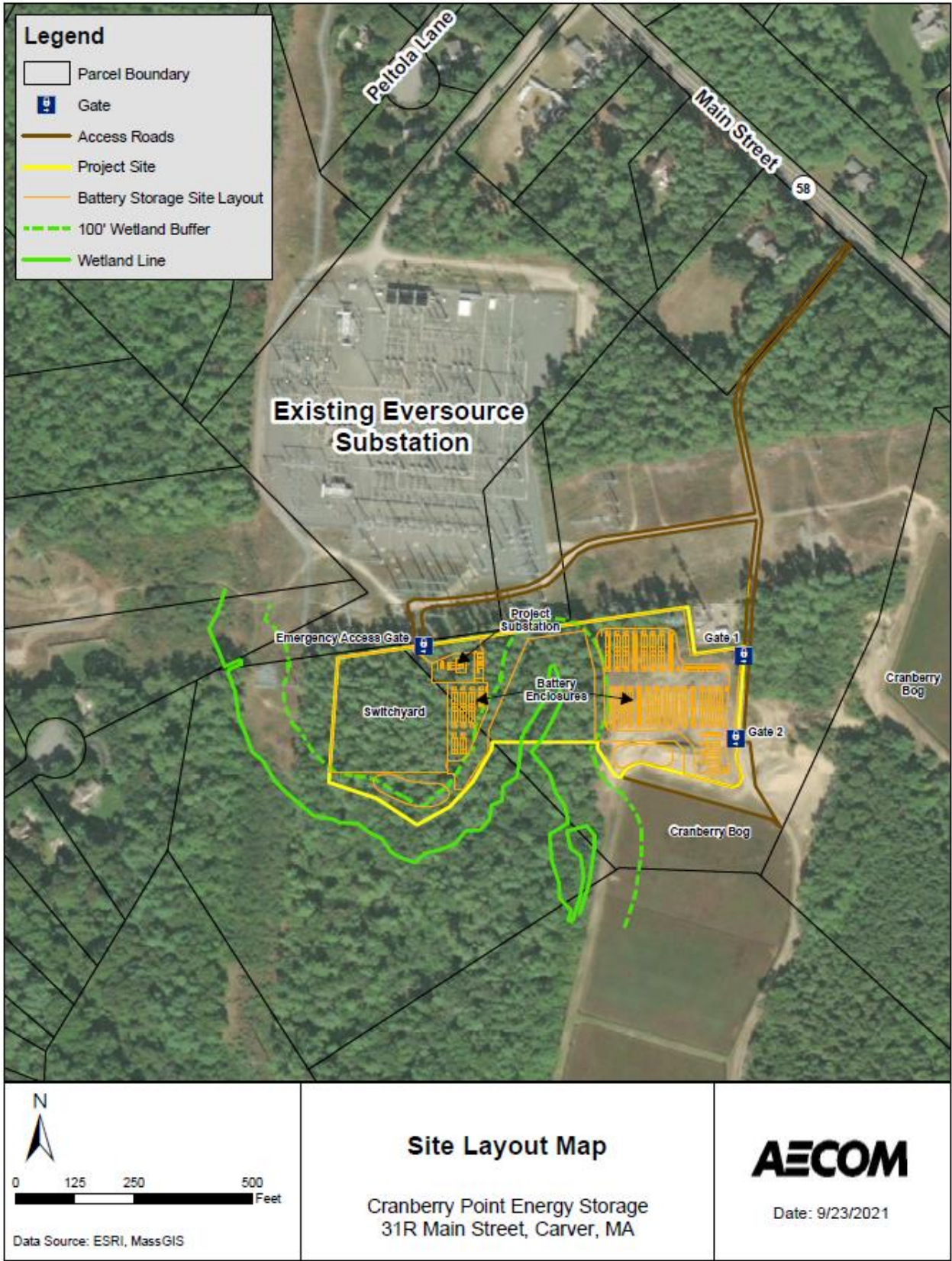
Second, the petition or comments must be sent electronically to counsel for Cranberry Point, Andrew O. Kaplan, Esq., Pierce Atwood at akaplan@pierceatwood.com, cc'd to Anne O'Hanlon at aohanlon@pierceatwood.com.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a complete description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Please allow at least two weeks (14 days) advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but we may be unable to fulfill the request. Please send your requests to: Melixza G. Esenyie, ADA and Diversity Manager at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs at Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov or call 617-626-1282 no later than **July 5, 2022**.

Interpretation services for those with limited English language proficiency are available upon request. Include in your request the language required, and a way to contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible, by **July 5, 2022**, if possible. Last-minute requests will be accepted but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Presiding Officer (contact information below).

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:

André Gibeau, Presiding Officer
Energy Facilities Siting Board
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Rendering of the Proposed Project, Looking West

