

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

NOTICE OF SITING BOARD MEETING

EFSB 19-06/D.P.U. 19-142/19-143
NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

On November 8, 2019, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69J, 72, and G.L. c. 40A, § 3, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”), located at 247 Station Drive, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090, filed three related petitions with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) and the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) in connection with the Company’s proposal to construct, operate and maintain an approximately 12.5 mile, overhead 115 kilovolt (“kV”) electric transmission line in the towns of Bourne, Sandwich, and Barnstable, Massachusetts (“New Line”). The New Line is proposed to be constructed in an existing Eversource right-of-way (“ROW”) between Eversource’s Bourne Switching Station and West Barnstable Substation. The Company also proposed changes to the Bourne Switching Station and West Barnstable Substation, including new equipment and the extension of the existing western fence line at the West Barnstable Substation by approximately 65 feet to accommodate the modifications. The New Line, together with the related station modifications, are referred to as the Mid Cape Reliability Project (the “Project”). Eversource has stated that the Project is proposed to enhance the reliability of the regional electric transmission system on Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket.

The Siting Board will conduct a remote Siting Board meeting **on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.** The purpose of the Siting Board meeting is to listen to comments, deliberate and vote on whether to approve, approve with conditions or amendments, or reject the Tentative Decision issued by the Siting Board. An opportunity for additional written comments on the Tentative Decision prior to the Siting Board meeting will also be provided as set forth below. The Tentative Decision will be available on the Siting Board’s information webpage for this proceeding: <https://mass.gov/info-details/mid-cape-reliability-project>.

The Siting Board meeting will be conducted online using Zoom videoconferencing. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86878453120> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. For audio-only participation, attendees can access the meeting by calling **(646) 558-8656 (not toll free)** and then enter the Webinar ID: 86878453120. For technical assistance with Zoom issues, before or during the meeting, call or text (857) 200-0065. A recording of the Siting Board meeting will be posted to the Department’s YouTube channel after the meeting at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkIPj6xxSKww-Kr26IEZVTA/streams>.

Public Access and Opportunity for Public Comment

Pursuant to Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§18-25; 980 CMR 2.04(1); and St. 2021, c. 20, as extended by St. 2022, c. 107, the Siting Board will conduct a remote Siting Board meeting using Zoom to hear comments, deliberate, and vote on the Tentative Decision.

If you wish to provide oral comments at the Siting Board meeting, please sign up by email with geneen.bartley@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address by noon on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022**. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message at (617) 305-3529 with your full name, telephone number (the one you will use to dial in), and mailing address by this date. Additional comments may be allowed during the meeting at the discretion of the Siting Board Chair.

Parties may file written comments on the Tentative Decision with the Presiding Officer and the electronic Service List for the proceeding no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, December 12, 2022**. Members of the public wishing to submit written comments on the Tentative Decision should submit comments by the close of business, **Wednesday, December 14, 2022**. Please file comments by email with dpu.efiling@mass.gov.

Language Access and Accommodation Requests

Reasonable accommodations for persons 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. 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.

Requests for interpretation services will be accommodated with sufficient advance notice. Include in your request the language required, and a way to contact you if the Presiding Officer needs more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests may not be able to be accommodated. Please email any requests for interpretation services by Wednesday, December 7, 2022 to allow sufficient time for suitable arrangements to be made.

Contact

Any person desiring additional information regarding the Notice, may contact the Presiding Officer at the telephone number, or email below:

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