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June 11, 2018

Andrew Greene, Director
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, EFSB 18-02

Dear Mr. Greene:

NSTAR Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) hereby submits to the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J, eight (8) copies of the Petition for Approval to replace approximately 3.71 miles of buried 6-inch diameter steel natural gas pipe with new 12-inch diameter steel pipe in the Towns of Ashland and Hopkinton (the “Siting Board Petition”). Eversource is proposing the Hopkinton-Ashland Transfer Line Replacement Project (the “Project”) to eliminate an existing bottleneck along the Company’s Hopkinton-Ashland Transfer Line (“Transfer Line”) and therefore improve the performance, reliability and integrity of the natural gas distribution system in the region. The Project will also allow Eversource to meet anticipated future load growth in the Greater Framingham area.

In its Siting Board Petition, the Company has included: (1) a detailed description of the Project; (2) an analysis of the need for the Project; (3) an analysis of the alternatives to the Project and its routing, including a noticed alternative route; and (4) a review and evaluation of the Project’s environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures. In addition, the Company’s Siting Board Petition describes the Project’s consistency with the current health, environmental protection and resource use and development policies of the Commonwealth. In accordance with G.L. c. 164, §§ 69H and 69J and Siting Board precedent and standards, Eversource’s 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.

Also enclosed are Notices of Appearance of Counsel and a Draft Notice of Adjudication and Public Hearing (“Draft Notice”). A CD-ROM of the Siting Board Petition will be filed under separate cover to address the electronic filing requirement.

Please direct any inquiries or correspondence concerning the Petitions to:

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Please date stamp the additional copy of this cover letter supplied with the filing and return that copy to our messenger.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David S. Rosenzweig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

David S. Rosenzweig

Enclosures

cc: Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities
Joan Foster Evans, General Counsel, Energy Facilities Siting Board