

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy
D.P.U. 17-147

Notice is hereby given that NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (the “Company”) has filed with the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) a petition pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956 seeking individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the operation of the Boston Zoning Code (“Petition”). The zoning exemptions are requested in connection with the Company’s proposed modifications to an existing substation, Substation No. 385 (the “K Street Substation,” “Substation,” or the “Substation Site”), located at 500 East First Street in the neighborhood of South Boston in the City of Boston, Massachusetts. The Petition has been docketed as D.P.U. 17-147. The Department will review the Petition to determine whether the zoning exemptions should be granted and if the proposed use of the land or structure is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public, pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956.

The Company also has filed information relating to proposed modifications to the existing Substation, which was approved by the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) on January 14, 2005, in EFSB 04-1/D.T.E. 04-5/04-7. The Department will review these modifications as part of this proceeding.

The Department will conduct a public comment hearing commencing at 7 p.m. on May 2, 2018 at the Tynan Elementary School at 650 East Fourth Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02127 to receive public comment.

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the proposed changes at the K Street Substation. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to provide comments about the proposed changes. The public may also file written comments with the Presiding Officer. To file comments, please see instructions in the section “Comments, Intervention and Participation” later in this Notice.

Description of the Projects

The Company’s proposed modifications at the K Street Substation include: (1) the installation of a 345-kilovolt (“kV”), 160 megavolt ampere reactive (“MVar”) voltage regulator and related equipment, along with the conversion of the existing 345-kV straight bus to a ring bus (“Voltage Regulator Project”); and (2) the construction of a new perimeter fence and barriers around certain equipment at the Substation (“Security Fence Project”; together, the “Projects”). The Company’s proposed voltage regulator would be installed and operated on a parcel of land that the Company purchased in 2007 (the “New Parcel”). The New Parcel abuts and is to the rear of the existing Substation Site. The Voltage Regulator Project is proposed to meet transmission

system needs as identified by the Independent System Operator of New England (“ISO-NE”). As part of the Security Fence Project, the Company proposes one new perimeter fence to replace the existing fence at the current Substation site and to encompass the New Parcel at the rear of the existing site to meet physical security standards.

A copy of the Company’s Petition is available on the Department’s Website, www.mass.gov/dpu. Once at that website, click on “DPU File Room”; then click on “Dockets/Filings”; choose “Docket by Number” from the drop-down menu; you will see a box with the words “Enter docket number”; enter 17-147 in that box; and then click on the “Go” icon, which is located next to the box. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) contact the Department’s ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3500. The Company’s Petition is also available in hard-copy format for public inspection at the offices of the Department, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. A copy also will be available for public viewing at the Boston Public Library, South Boston Branch, 646 East Broadway, South Boston; no later than fourteen (14) days before the public hearing.

Comments, Intervention and Participation

Any person who desires to submit written comments on the Company’s Petition may do so by filing an original and two (2) copies of such comments no later than the close of business **(5:00 p.m.) on May 23, 2018** with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. An electronic copy of all comments should be sent by email to the following: (1) the Department at dpu.efiling@state.ma.us; (2) the Company’s counsel, David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., at drosen@keeganwerlin.com; and (3) the Department’s Hearing Officer in this proceeding, Donna C. Sharkey at Donna.Sharkey@state.ma.us.

Any person who interested in intervening as a party or participating as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Hearing Officer. Petitions must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03(1). Receipt by the Department – not mailing or postmark – constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely unless good cause is shown for waiver pursuant to 220 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition to intervene must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding.

A petition to intervene also should be submitted to the Department by email attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us, with a copy sent by email to the Company’s counsel David Rosenzweig, Esq. at drosen@keeganwerlin.com; and the Department’s Hearing Officer Donna C. Sharkey at to Donna.Sharkey@state.ma.us. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-147); (2) name of the person or company 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. All written pleadings submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department’s website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Reasonable accommodations at public or evidentiary hearings for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include 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 may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3500.

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. 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 regarding intervention or participating in the adjudicatory proceeding, may contact the Hearing Officer at the physical address, telephone number, or email address set forth below:

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