

# **NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

## **PLEASE READ**

Milford Power, LLC, located at 108 National Street in Milford, Massachusetts, has filed a Notice of Project Change with the Energy Facilities Siting Board requesting approval to increase the electrical generation capacity of the existing 146 megawatt power plant (the “Facility”) by 53 megawatts (the “Proposed Project Change”). The Siting Board has designated this proceeding as EFSB 17-04.

The attached legal notice describes the Proposed Project Change in more detail, and explains the opportunities for public participation in the review process. The Siting Board is a state agency that will determine whether the Company may construct the Proposed Project Change, and what conditions may be required to do so.

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the Proposed Project Change at a Siting Board **public comment hearing on Monday, March 26, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Milford High School Auditorium, 31 West Fountain Street, Milford, Massachusetts 01757.** At the public comment hearing, the Company will provide information on the Proposed Project Change, and the Siting Board will present information on its review process and receive comments and questions from members of the community. Anyone with an interest in the Proposed Project Change is encouraged to attend.

Individuals and groups affected by the Company’s Proposed Project Change who wish to be actively involved in the Siting Board review process may request to participate in the proceeding as either intervenors or limited participants. **The deadline to make such a request is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.** The requirements for making a request to participate are explained in the legal notice.

Copies of the Company’s Notice of Project Change are available online, and in hard copy format as described in the enclosed legal notice. If you have any questions about the Siting Board’s review process, please feel free to contact the Presiding Officer, Robert J. Shea, at [robert.j.shea@state.ma.us](mailto:robert.j.shea@state.ma.us) or (617) 305-3514. The Siting Board’s address is: Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING AND  
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION**

EFSB 17-04  
Milford Power, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Milford Power, LLC (“Milford Power” or the “Company”) has filed a notice of project change (“Notice of Project Change”) with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J¼ requesting approval to increase the nominal generating capacity of the existing electric power plant at 108 National Street in Milford, Massachusetts (the “Facility”) by 53 megawatts (“MW”) (the “Proposed Project Change”). The Facility was originally approved by the Siting Board in a Final Decision dated August 29, 1991, in EFSC 90-101 (the “Original Decision”). The Proposed Project Change components would be located entirely within the current Facility fence line.

**The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing on the Company’s Proposed Project Change on Monday, March 26, 2018, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Milford High School Auditorium, 31 West Fountain Street, Milford, Massachusetts 01757.**

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the Proposed Project Change. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about the Proposed Project Change. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter. Portuguese and Spanish interpreters will be present. The public may also file written comments with the Presiding Officer, which will be given equal consideration to public comments made at the public comment hearing. To file written comments, please see instructions toward the end of this Notice.

Under G.L. c. 164, § 69J¼ and in accordance with Siting Board precedent, the Siting Board will review the Company’s Proposed Project Change to determine whether the changes alter in any substantive way the Siting Board’s analysis of the Facility’s environmental impacts in the underlying proceeding or its conclusion that the Facility would provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost.

**Existing Facility Description**

The Proposed Project Change would be located entirely within the property boundary of the existing Facility, which has been in operation since 1994. The Facility is located across National Street from a manufacturing facility in a Heavy Industrial zoning district. It is generally bordered to the north by woodlands, to the west by a cemetery, and to the east by residential development. The Facility is fueled with natural gas and has a nominal capacity of 146 MW. As described in the Original Decision, the Facility consists of a combustion turbine generator, a heat recovery steam generator with selective catalytic reduction for nitrogen oxides (“NO<sub>x</sub>”) control, an exhaust stack, a steam turbine generator, a wet mechanical cooling tower, a turbine building, an administration/maintenance building, a water treatment building, 500,000-gallon municipal

water and 300,000-gallon demineralized water above ground storage tanks, and a 680,000-gallon stormwater detention pond. The Facility's water needs are currently met through a combination of sources, including reclaimed water from the Milford Wastewater Treatment Plant, municipal water from the Milford Water Company, on-site groundwater withdrawal wells, and trucked-in water as needed. The Facility makes use of the detention pond and above-ground storage tanks to manage its water supply.

### **Proposed Project Change Description**

The primary components of the Proposed Project Change are the addition of two technologies (wet compression and duct burner technology) designed to increase the output of the Facility, together, by 53 MW, with related upgrades to the existing steam turbine, and the addition of new facility-wide air pollution control devices. The wet compression and the duct burner are each expected to operate no more than 2,000 hours per year. When the technologies are in operation, the wet compression is expected to increase the production capacity of the Facility by 13 MW, and the duct burner to increase the capacity by 40 MW. In addition, turbine blades within the steam turbine generator will be replaced. The Facility's existing selective catalytic reduction catalyst in the heat recovery steam generator, which currently controls only NO<sub>x</sub>, will be upgraded with a dual-function catalyst to control Facility-wide emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC), carbon monoxide, and NO<sub>x</sub>. The Company states that Facility-wide VOC, carbon monoxide, and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions will decline after the new air pollution control equipment is installed.

The primary components of the Proposed Project Change will be located within the Facility's existing buildings. No new off-site infrastructure will be required to accommodate the Proposed Project Change. The Proposed Project Change is expected to increase the Facility's water usage. While the Facility's total water consumption will increase by up to two million gallons per day, the Company maintains existing water sources will accommodate the increased demand. Wastewater production will also increase. The Company states that no new water-related permits or amendments to permits will be required. In addition, the Company states that it will continue to comply with the condition of the Siting Board's Original Decision requiring that diversion of effluent from the Milford Wastewater Treatment Plant cease when the flow in the Charles River at the gauge near the Milford Wastewater Treatment Plant drops below three cubic feet per second.

### **Public Review of the Company's Notice of Project Change**

Components and configurations of the Proposed Project Change are shown in plans and are included in or as attachments to the Company's Notice of Project Change. Copies of the Company's Notice of Project Change are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- (1) Siting Board/D.P.U. website, <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom#>; click on "Dockets/Filings"; select "Docket by Number"; enter docket number "EFSB17-04" with no space between "EFSB" and "17-04";
- (2) Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02110; and

(3) Milford Public Library, 80 Spruce Street, Milford, MA 01757.

### **Written Comments**

**The Siting Board will accept written comments regarding the proposed Project filed with the Siting Board by Tuesday, April 10, 2018.** Any person wishing to submit written comments regarding the Proposed Project Change should send them by email or email attachment to: [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and to [robert.j.shea@state.ma.us](mailto:robert.j.shea@state.ma.us). Alternatively, written comments may be sent by physical mail to the address below:

Robert Shea, Presiding Officer  
Energy Facilities Siting Board  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

### **Intervention and Participation**

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. Intervention as a party allows the person or organization to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding, including evidentiary hearings in Boston, and grants the right to appeal a final decision. A limited participant would receive documents in the proceeding, and would have the opportunity to file briefs and participate in oral argument to the Siting Board after evidentiary hearings conclude.

Any person interested in intervening as a party or participating as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Presiding Officer. Petitions must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 980 C.M.R. 1.05, the Siting Board's procedural rules, which can be found on the Siting Board's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/energy-facility-siting-laws-and-regulations>. A petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant must be filed in three places.

First, the petition must be filed in hard copy with the Presiding Officer, Robert Shea, Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110 **no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.**

Second, the petition must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format, by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us); and to [robert.j.shea@state.ma.us](mailto:robert.j.shea@state.ma.us). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 17-04); (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.

Third, the petition must be sent to counsel for the Company, Adam P. Kahn, Esq., Foley Hoag LLP, 155 Seaport Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02210; or [akahn@foleyhoag.com](mailto:akahn@foleyhoag.com).

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](mailto: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 participation in the adjudicatory proceeding, may contact the Presiding Officer at:

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