

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource)
Energy and New England Power Company d/b/a)
National Grid for Approval to Construct and Maintain a) EFSB 15-04
New 345-kV Underground Transmission Line in)
Woburn, Winchester, Stoneham and Wakefield Pursuant)
to G.L. c. 164, § 69J)
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Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource)
Energy and New England Power Company d/b/a)
National Grid for Approval to Construct and Operate a) D.P.U. 15-140
New 345 kV Underground Transmission Line in)
Woburn, Winchester, Stoneham and Wakefield Pursuant)
to G.L. c. 164, § 72)
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Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource)
Energy and New England Power Company d/b/a) D.P.U. 15-141
National Grid for Individual and Comprehensive Zoning)
Exemptions from the Zoning Ordinance of the City of)
Woburn and the Zoning By-law of the Town of)
Wakefield Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3)
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NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

The Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) will conduct a procedural conference in EFSB 15-04/D.P.U. 15-140/15-141, on **Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 10 a.m.** in Hearing Room A, Fifth Floor, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110. The procedural conference will take place immediately prior to the beginning of evidentiary hearings scheduled for this matter. Included in the pre-filed testimony of the Town of Stoneham and the Town of Winchester and the Information Request responses from the City of Woburn are new routes and route variations for the proposed 345-kV underground transmission line. The purpose of the procedural conference is to identify all of the routes and variations that have been proposed in this proceeding. Staff has drafted a list of the proposed routes and the names thereof, as well as a map of each route, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Presiding Officer requests that all

parties review the attached documents and confirm that these are the routes to be examined in the evidentiary hearings.

In addition, please note that the present schedule for evidentiary hearings is as follows:

Weds. Sept. 21, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room A. Subject Matter: Route Selection.
Thurs. Sept. 22, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room A. Subject Matter: Route Selection
Fri. Sept. 23, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room A. Subject Matter: EMF and Hazardous Waste
Weds. Sept. 28, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room A. Subject Matter: Project Approach (Transmission Alternatives) and Need.
Fri. Sept. 30, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room A. Subject Matter: Need, Project Approach (NTA).
Tues. Oct. 4, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room A. Subject Matter: Zoning, Land Use, Visual, Water, Air.
Fri. Oct. 7, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room A. Subject Matter: Traffic and Noise.
Tues. Oct. 11, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room A. Subject Matter: Traffic and Noise. NOTE: This hearing day will conclude at 4 pm to accommodate those who observe Yom Kippur.
Thurs. Oct. 13, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room A. Subject Matter: Intervenors' direct cases.
Mon. Oct. 17, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room B. Subject Matter: Complete questioning on any of the subject matters mentioned above if necessary.

Tues. Oct. 18, 2016	Evidentiary hearing will commence at 10 am, at One South Station, Boston, Fifth Floor, Hearing Room B. Subject Matter: Complete questioning on any of the subject matters mentioned above if necessary.
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Robert J. Shea, Presiding Officer

September 19, 2016