

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

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

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

EFSB 14-04/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154  
NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J, G.L. c. 164, § 72, and Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) located at 1 NSTAR Way, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090, has filed with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board”) and the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) three Petitions in connection with the Company’s proposal to construct and operate two new 115-kilovolt (“kV”) underground electric transmission lines in Everett, Chelsea, and East Boston. The two proposed transmission lines are referred to individually as the “East Eagle – Mystic Line” and the “East Eagle – Chelsea Line”, together the “New Lines”. The Company also proposes to construct a new 115/14-kV substation (the “East Eagle Street Substation”) on Company property in East Boston and to make minor improvements within the footprint of the existing Mystic Substation in Everett and the existing Chelsea Substation in Chelsea. The proposed New Lines, the proposed East Eagle Street Substation, and the proposed substation improvements together constitute the Mystic – East Eagle – Chelsea Reliability Project (the “Project”). The Project is designed to address substation capacity needs in the area served by the Chelsea Substation and to improve the reliability of service to customers from East Boston to Swampscott.

**The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing to receive public comment on the Project at 7:00 p.m. on July 29, 2015, at the Chelsea Senior Center, 307 Chestnut Street (Entrance at Riley Way), Chelsea, MA.**

At the public comment hearing, Eversource will present an overview of the proposed Project. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the proposed Project. A Spanish/English and Portuguese/English translator will be present. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter. The public may also file written comments with the Presiding Officer, by August 12, 2015. To file comments, please see the Section titled “Filing Requirements” toward the end of this Notice.

Pursuant to an Order issued by the Chair of the Department of Public Utilities on December 23, 2014, the Company’s three petitions relating to the Project have been consolidated for hearing before the Siting Board, with the docket number EFSB 14-04/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154. Under G.L. c. 164, § 69J, the Siting Board will review the Company’s filing to determine whether the proposed Project would provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost. Under G.L. c. 164, §72, the Siting Board will determine whether the proposed 115-kV transmission lines are necessary, serve the public convenience, and are consistent with the

public interest. Under Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, the Siting Board will determine whether zoning exemptions are required for the Project and whether the present or proposed use of the land or structures is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public.

## **The Company's Proposed Project**

### ***Preferred Transmission Line Routes***

The Company's Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Chelsea Line involves the installation of approximately 1.51 miles of underground 115-kV cable below city streets in Chelsea, running from the proposed East Eagle Street Substation in East Boston to the existing Chelsea Substation.

The Company's Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line involves the installation of approximately 3.23 miles of underground 115-kV cable below city streets in East Boston, Chelsea, and Everett, running from the proposed East Eagle Substation in East Boston to the existing Mystic Substation in Everett. A variation on the Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line has also been identified, referred to as the Bow Street Variation. The Preferred Route with or without the Bow Street variation is 3.23 miles long.

### ***Alternative Transmission Line Routes***

The Company also identified Alternative Routes for both of the New Lines.

The Alternative Route for the East Eagle – Chelsea Line involves the installation of approximately 2.28 miles of underground 115-kV transmission cable between the proposed East Eagle Street Substation in East Boston and the existing Chelsea Substation in Chelsea.

The Alternative Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line involves the installation of approximately 3.59 miles of new underground 115-kV transmission cable between the proposed East Eagle Substation and the existing Mystic Substation in Everett.

### ***East Eagle Street Substation***

Regardless of the route selected for the New Lines, the Project includes the construction of the proposed East Eagle Street Substation, a new electrical substation to be located on a 0.38-acre parcel of Company-owned land off East Eagle Street in East Boston. The proposed Substation would consist of 115-kV gas-insulated switchgear equipment; a control enclosure measuring 30 feet by 40 feet that would contain protective relay and control equipment, communication equipment and control batteries; two transformers; two sections of 14-kV distribution switchgear; and two capacitor banks. Room would be reserved for an additional future transformer, switchgear, and capacitor bank.

## **Public Review of the Company's Petitions**

More detailed information the Company's proposed Project is contained in the Company's Petitions. Copies of the Company's Petitions are available for public inspection in hard-copy format at the following locations:

- MA Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110. You may call 617-305-3791 to make an appointment to review the Petitions at the Siting Board's offices.
- Boston City Clerk, Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square, Boston MA 02201
- East Boston Public Library, 365 Bremen Street, East Boston, MA 02128
- Everett City Clerk, Everett City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149
- Parlin Memorial Library, 410 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149
- Chelsea City Clerk, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150
- Chelsea Public Library, 569 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150

In addition, the Company's Petitions are electronically available via the Department's "File Room," at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom>. Click on "Dockets/Filings" then "Docket by Number" and then enter "EFSB 14-4".

## **Intervention and Participation**

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in this Siting Board proceeding beyond providing public comments at the public hearing may file written comments, and/or seek 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 the Siting Board's final decision. A limited participant may receive many of the documents that will be submitted to the Siting Board and present written or oral argument to the Siting Board after evidentiary hearings conclude.

Any person who desires to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Siting Board. A petition to intervene or a petition to participate as a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 980 C.M.R. § 1.00, the Siting Board's procedural rules, which can be found on the Board's website at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/energy-facilities-siting-board/>

Once on the website, click on "Relevant Regulations".

## **Filing Instructions**

Written comments on the Company's Petitions, and/or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant, must be filed in three places:

First, the comments or petition must be filed in hard copy with: the Presiding Officer, M. Kathryn Sedor, Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) August 12, 2015.

Second, the comments or petition must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us); and [Kathryn.Sedor@state.ma.us](mailto:Kathryn.Sedor@state.ma.us); or (2) on a PC-compatible compact disc filed with the Presiding Officer. The text of the email or the CD label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 14-04/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154); (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 comments or petition must be sent in hard copy and electronically to counsel for Eversource Energy, Catherine Keuthen, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110; [ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com](mailto:ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com).

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, including information about intervention or participation in the proceeding may also contact the Presiding Officer at the address or telephone number below:

M. Kathryn Sedor, Esq. Presiding Officer  
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Boston, MA 02110  
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