COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

NOTICE OF SITING BOARD MEETING REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

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

The Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") will hold a Siting Board meeting using Zoom videoconferencing on **Wednesday**, **December 16**, **2020**, **at 6:00 p.m.** and **Thursday**, **December 17**, **2020**, **at 6:00 p.m.** The purpose of the Siting Board meeting is to listen to comments and vote on whether to approve, approve with conditions or amendments, or reject a Tentative Decision issued by the Siting Board on February 28, 2020 that recommends approval of a Project Change that NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource" or "Company") submitted to the Siting Board on November 15, 2018 in connection with the Mystic-East Eagle-Chelsea Reliability Project ("Project"). The Siting Board previously approved the Project in its December 1, 2017 Final Decision in EFSB 14-04/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154 ("Final Decision"). The Project includes two new 115-kilovolt ("kV") underground electric transmission lines in Everett, Chelsea, and East Boston, Massachusetts, as well as a new 115/14-kV substation ("Substation") in East Boston.

As approved in the Final Decision, the Substation would have been located on the eastern side of a larger parcel of land owned by the City of Boston ("City Parcel") in the Eagle Hill neighborhood of East Boston. The Project Change would relocate the proposed Substation approximately 190 feet, from the east side of the City Parcel ("Original Site" at 338 East Eagle Street) to the northwest corner of the City Parcel, adjacent to Condor Street ("New Substation Site" at 0 Condor Street). The two 115-kV transmission lines would connect to the Substation at the New Substation Site and would no longer be routed under Condor and East Eagle Streets. A map below shows the relative locations of the approved Original Site, the proposed New Substation Site, and the City Parcel.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Pursuant to Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§18-25, 980 CMR 2.04(1), Governor Baker's March 10, 2020 Declaration of Emergency, and the related March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, the Siting Board will conduct a Siting Board meeting using Zoom videoconferencing to hear public comments, deliberate, and vote on the Tentative Decision. The Tentative Decision is available at: <u>https://fileservice.eea.comacloud.net/FileService.Api/file/FileRoom/11869244</u>. Additional information is available at <u>https://www.mass.gov/service-details/mystic-east-eagle-chelsea-reliability-project</u>.

On December 16, 2020, the Siting Board will listen to presentations from its staff and parties, as well as comments from the public. On December 17, 2020, the Siting Board

will continue listening to comments from the public, then deliberate and vote on the Tentative Decision.

Due to the Covid-19 State of Emergency, the Siting Board meeting will be conducted using Zoom videoconferencing. Simultaneous English-to-Spanish and Spanish-to-English interpretation will be provided (see instructions below). Attendees can participate by clicking (or entering) the following link: <u>https://zoom.us/i/92533141983</u> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **1 646 558 8656** and enter **Meeting ID 925 3314 1983**. Please note that dial-in participants will only hear live audio of the actual speaker without interpretation.

If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the Board meeting, please send an email to <u>Geneen.Bartley@mass.gov</u> with your full name, email address and mailing address by **Monday, December 14, 2020**. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message at 617-305-3529 with your full name, telephone number (the one you will use to dial in) and mailing address by **Monday, December 14, 2020**. Additional commenters may be allowed during the meeting, at the discretion of the Siting Board Chair. Written comments regarding the Tentative Decision may be submitted through **Thursday, December 3, 2020**. Any comments submitted must be filed electronically with the Presiding Officer and with the Siting Board's electronic docket: <u>Joan.Evans@mass.gov</u> <u>and</u> dpu.efiling@mass.gov</u>. Comments will be posted online at <u>https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFSB14-4A</u>, where all other materials in the Project Change docket can be accessed.

Public Accommodation and Language Access

Upon request, materials in this proceeding may be available in a format accessible by people with disabilities (such as Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format). Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator with your request, at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3642.

As noted above, interpretation services in English-to-Spanish and Spanish-to-English will be provided via Zoom videoconferencing at <u>https://zoom.us/j/92533141983</u>. After joining the meeting on Zoom, ALL attendees should select a preferred language (English or Spanish) to hear the Interpreter translate into that language (as needed). Press the globe icon and then choose the desired language. If you do not select a language, you will hear the speaker without interpretation. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **1 646 558 8656** and enter **Meeting ID 925 3314 1983**. Please note that dial-in participants will only hear live audio of the actual speaker without interpretation.

Interpretation in additional languages may be available upon request. Include in your request the language(s) requested, and how many persons will require interpretation services. Provide a way to contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible, no later than **Thursday**, **December 3**, **2020**. Contact

the Presiding Officer with your request (see contact information below).

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, may contact the Presiding Officer at the telephone number, or email below:

Joan Foster Evans, Presiding Officer (617) 305-3525 or <u>Joan.Evans@mass.gov</u>

Para obtener ayuda en español, comuníquese con <u>mauricio.diaz@mass.gov</u> o (617) 305-3664 [Spanish]

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<u>east-eagle-chelsea-reliability-project的下拉菜单中找到。[Chinese]</u>

Thông báo về Cuộc họp EFSB bằng tiếng Việt có tại https://www.mass.gov/servicedetails/mystic-east-eagle-chelsea-reliability-project bằng menu ngôn ngữ thả xuống [Vietnamese]



Approved Original Substation Site and Proposed New Substation Site in East Boston