## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

## NOTICE OF SITING BOARD MEETING

EFSB 18-04/D.P.U. 18-96 Northeast Energy Center LLC

On August 31, 2018, Northeast Energy Center LLC ("NEC" or the "Company") filed, with the Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board"), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J, a petition to construct a new liquefied natural gas ("LNG") facility in Charlton, Massachusetts to liquefy pipeline natural gas, store the LNG, and load LNG tanker trucks ("Facility"), along with an interconnecting natural gas pipeline (together, the "Project"). NEC also filed a request for zoning exemptions for the Facility, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, seeking individual zoning exemptions and a comprehensive exemption from the Town of Charlton Zoning Bylaw to allow construction and operation of the Project. On February 28, 2019, NEC filed an Amended and Restated Petition to Construct, and on April 19, 2019, filed an Amended and Restated Zoning Petition. The Company proposes to construct its Project at 304 Southbridge Road, Charlton ("Route 169 Site"); the Company also proposed an alternative site located on Route 20 in Charlton. A map of the proposed Project below shows the Route 169 Site and its noticed pipeline interconnection routes. You are receiving this Notice because you live or own property near the proposed Project or near the alternative site or pipeline routes.

The Siting Board will conduct a remote Siting Board meeting using Zoom on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. (or shortly thereafter, upon concluding another agenda item), to listen to comments, deliberate, and vote on whether to approve, approve with conditions, or reject the Project. A Tentative Decision issued by the Siting Board's staff on September 20, 2021 recommends approval of the Project at the Route 169 Site and employing the Company's Preferred Interconnection Route, as shown on the map below, with conditions. The Tentative Decision is available at: <a href="https://mass.gov/info-details/salem-beverly-transmission-project-and-northeast-energy-center-lng">https://mass.gov/info-details/salem-beverly-transmission-project-and-northeast-energy-center-lng</a>.

Attendees can participate by using the following link: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81440479088">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81440479088</a> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. Simultaneous interpretation in Spanish will be provided (see instructions below). For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at 1-646-558-8656 and enter **Meeting ID 814 4047 9088**. Please note that dial-in

participants will only hear live audio of the actual speaker without interpretation.

## **Public Access and Opportunity for Public Comment**

Pursuant to Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§18-25, 980 CMR 2.04(1), and St. 2021, c. 20, recent legislation allowing the continuation of remote open meetings via videoconferencing until April 1, 2022, the Siting Board will conduct the Siting Board meeting remotely using Zoom to hear public comments, deliberate, and vote on the Tentative Decision. Additional information, including translated copies of the Tentative Decision in Spanish, is available at: <a href="https://mass.gov/info-details/salem-beverly-transmission-project-and-northeast-energy-center-lng">https://mass.gov/info-details/salem-beverly-transmission-project-and-northeast-energy-center-lng</a>.

If you wish to provide oral comments via Zoom at the Board meeting, please notify us by **Tuesday**, **October 5**, **2021** by sending an email to <u>Geneen.Bartley@mass.gov</u> with your full name, email address, and mailing address. 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. Additional commenters may be allowed during the meeting, at the discretion of the Siting Board Chair.

You may provide written comments on Tentative Decision, due by the close of business, **Friday**, **October 1**, **2021**. Please file comments by email with <u>Geneen.Bartley@mass.gov</u>. Previously submitted written comments are posted in the electronic docket at:

https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFSB18-04, where all other materials in the proceeding can be accessed.

The Siting Board will record the Board meeting and make the recording available on YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCklPj6xxSKww-Kr26lEZVTA/videos.

## **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 Siting Board's ADA coordinator with your request, at Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov.

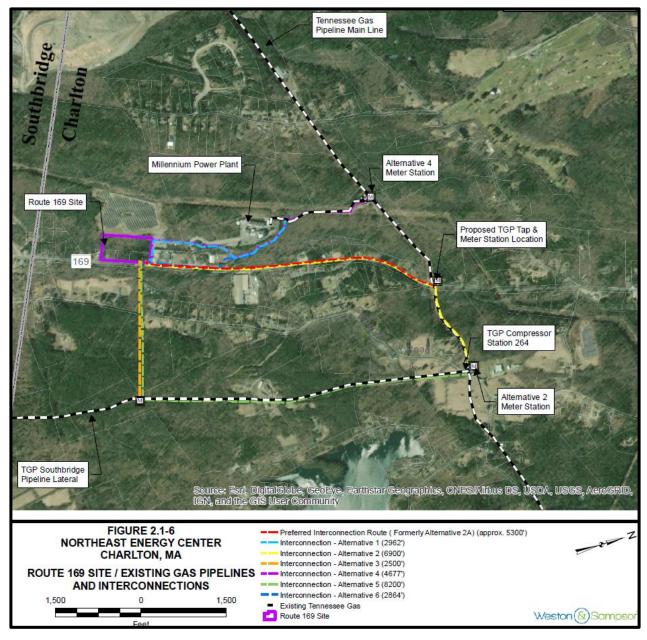
Interpretation services in Spanish will be provided. After joining the meeting on Zoom, ALL attendees should select a preferred language. Press the globe icon and then choose the desired language. If you do not select a language, you will hear the speaker without interpretation.

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

André Gibeau, Presiding Officer (617) 794-6388 or andre.gibeau@mass.gov

For technical assistance with Zoom issues, before or during the meeting, call or text (857) 200-0065.

La versión en español del Aviso de reunión de la Junta de Empijación está disponible en: <a href="https://mass.gov/info-details/salem-beverly-transmission-project-and-northeast-energy-center-lng">https://mass.gov/info-details/salem-beverly-transmission-project-and-northeast-energy-center-lng</a>



Note: The Route 20 Site is approximately 1.8 miles northwest of the Route 169 Site.