COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

NOTICE OF SITING BOARD MEETING

EFSB 19-04/D.P.U. 19-77/19-78 New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid

On June 27, 2019, New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid ("NEP" or "Company") filed, pursuant to G.L. c. 164 § 69J, filed a petition with the Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") for the Company's proposal to: (1) construct and operate a new 3.73-mile-long 115 kilovolt ("kV") underground cable in Salem and Beverly ("New Cable"); (2) construct a new switching station on Waite Street in Salem; (3) upgrade the Beverly #12 and East Beverly #51 Substations; and (4) remove the existing N-192 Cable. On the same date, the Company filed two petitions with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking: (1) individual and comprehensive exemptions from the zoning ordinances of the cities of Salem and Beverly, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3; and (2) permission to construct a new cable pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72. The Department petitions were consolidated with the Siting Board petition and the Tentative Decision addresses all three petitions. A map of the proposed Project route is at the end of this Notice showing the primary and alternative routes for the Project. You are receiving this Notice because you live or own property near the proposed Project route.

The Siting Board will conduct a remote Siting Board meeting using Zoom on **Wednesday**, **October 6, 2021, at 10 a.m.** 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 with conditions. The Tentative Decision is available at: <u>https://mass.gov/info-details/salem-beverly-transmission-project-and-northeast-energy-center-lng</u>.

Attendees can participate by using the following link: <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81440479088</u> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **1 312 626 6799** and enter **Webinar ID: 814 4047 9088**.

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 videoconference until April 1, 2022, the Siting Board will conduct a remote Siting Board meeting using Zoom to hear public comments, deliberate, and vote on the Tentative Decision. Additional information is available at: https://mass.gov/info-details/salem-beverly-transmission-project-and-northeast-energy-center-lng .

If you wish to provide oral comments at the Board meeting, please notify us by close of business on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>October 5</u>, <u>2021</u>, 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, 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/EFSB19-04,

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 available, if needed.

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

Robert J. Shea, Presiding Officer (617) 851-4246 or <u>Robert.j.shea@mass.gov</u>

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

Map of the Primary Route and Noticed Alternative Route

