



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

TO: Service List, D.P.U. 22-18/22-19

VIA: Electronic Mail Only

FROM: Robert J. Shea, Esq., Hearing Officer

RE: Medway Grid, LLC – Procedural Notice

DATE: May 11, 2023

CC: Mark D. Marini, Department Secretary

PROCEDURAL NOTICE

On February 25, 2022, Medway Grid LLC (“Medway Grid” or “Company”) filed a petition (“Siting Petition”) with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J¼, to construct a 250 megawatt (MW), 500-megawatt-hour (MWh) standalone battery energy storage system (“BESS”), including a new electric substation, on approximately 10.6 acres of land, to be located in the Town of Medway, Massachusetts (the “Project”). The Siting Petition was docketed as EFSB 22-02. On the same date, Medway Grid submitted to the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”), pursuant to G.L. c. 40A § 3, a petition for individual and comprehensive exemptions from the Town of Medway’s Zoning Bylaws (“Zoning Petition”), and a petition, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, to construct a new 345 kV underground transmission line to connect proposed new construction to the West Medway Substation (“Section 72 Petition”). The Zoning Petition was docketed as D.P.U. 22-18, and the Section 72 Petition was docketed as D.P.U. 22-19. Medway Grid proposes to install lithium-ion batteries located within approximately 140 above-ground enclosures on an approximately 10.6-acre lot as part of the Project. Medway Grid plans to interconnect to the existing NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy West Medway Substation via a proposed 1,465-foot transmission line.

Under the authority provided by G.L. c. 25, § 4, the Department referred the Zoning Petition and Section 72 Petition to the Siting Board, which were then consolidated with the Siting Board Petition. Medway Grid, LLC, EFSB 22-02/D.P.U. 22-18/22-19, Referral and Consolidation Order (April 4, 2022). In reviewing the Zoning Petition and Section 72

Petition to date, the Siting Board has applied Department and Siting Board standards in a consistent manner, as required by G.L. c. 164, § 69H(2). The Siting Board provided notice of the Project and conducted a public comment hearing July 13, 2022. The Siting Board issued a ruling on intervention on October 20, 2022. On May 10, 2023, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J¼, the Siting Board voted to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction the Company's Siting Petition. <https://www.mass.gov/media/2591646/download> The Siting Board relinquished its jurisdiction over the Company's Zoning Petition and Section 72 Petition and returned the review of the matter to the Department.

A Notice of Department Proceeding is attached to this Procedural Notice.

Department Proceeding in D.P.U. 22-18/22-19

Based on the common questions of fact, the Department hereby consolidates D.P.U. 22-18 and D.P.U. 22-19 into one proceeding. 220 CMR 1.09.

The Department will treat all existing intervenors and limited participants in EFSB 22-02/D.P.U. 22-18/22-19 as intervenors and limited participants, respectively, in the Department's continuing review of D.P.U. 22-18/22-19.

The Department hereby incorporates the full administrative record of EFSB 22-02/D.P.U. 22-18/22-19, including all filings, rulings, responses to discovery, comments, transcripts, and briefs, into the docket for D.P.U. 22-18/22-19. Further, I intend to move the Company's filing, all testimony and associated exhibits, and responses to discovery in the attached Exhibit List (dated April 12, 2023) into evidence in D.P.U. 22-18/22-19. The deadline to file any objections to moving the identified exhibits from EFSB 22-02/D.P.U. 22-18/22-19 into evidence in this proceeding is **May 19, 2023**.

Further, I am providing an opportunity for parties and limited participants to file supplemental briefing in the Department docket. Supplemental briefs are due **May 26, 2023**.

Please contact me with any procedural questions at: robert.j.shea@mass.gov or at 617-851-4246.