

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
D.P.U. 19-46**

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

Notice is hereby given that, on March 22, 2019, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) a petition, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, for approval to construct and operate a new approximately 5.1-mile, 115-kilovolt (“kV”) overhead transmission line on an existing Eversource right-of-way (“ROW”) between the Cross Road Substation and Fisher Road Substation, both in the Town of Dartmouth, Massachusetts (the “Project”). The petition has been docketed as D.P.U. 19-46. The Project is proposed in order to reinforce and improve the reliability and capacity of the existing transmission system. The Department will review the Project to determine whether the proposed new 115-kV transmission line is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

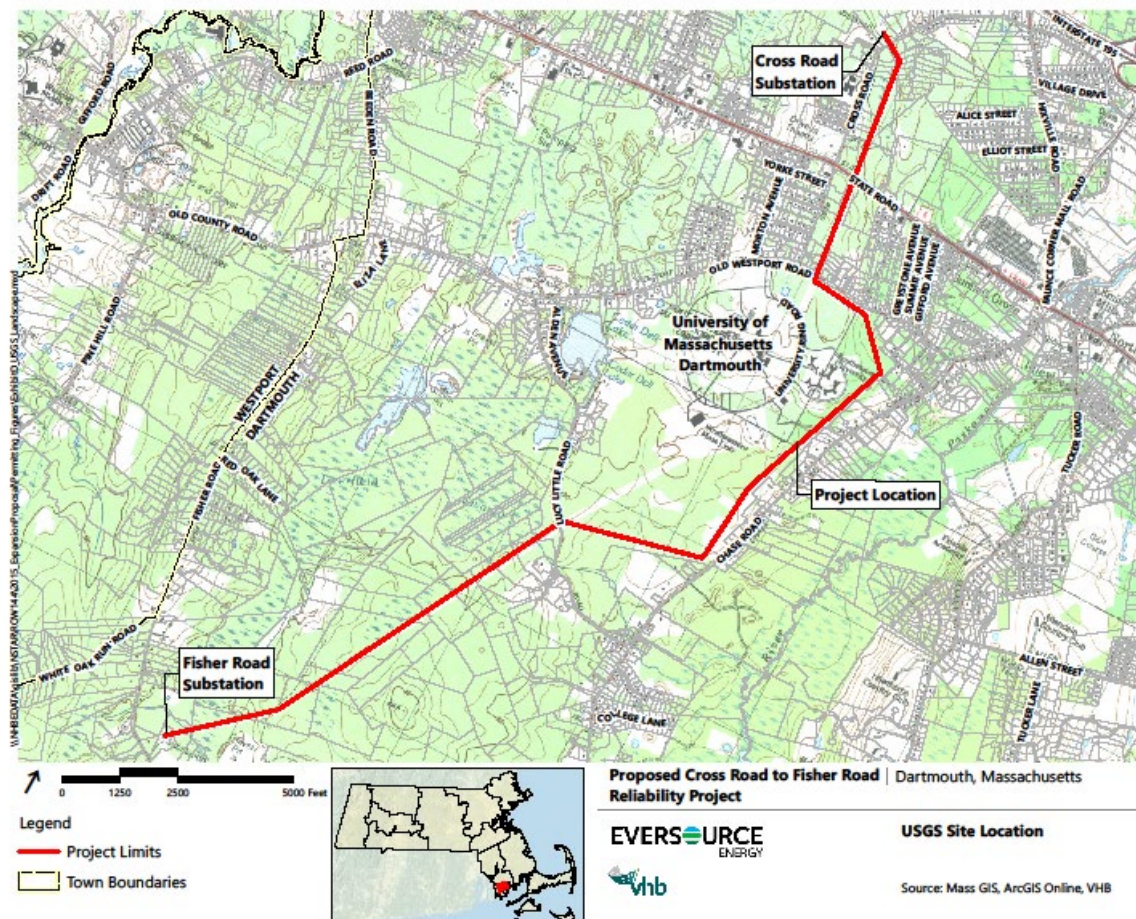
The Department will conduct a public comment hearing to receive public comment on the Project at 7:00 p.m. on July 23, 2019, at the Haskell Auditorium in the Southworth Library at 732 Dartmouth Street, Dartmouth, MA.

At the public comment hearing, the Company 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. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter. The public may also file written comments with the Hearing Officer through August 6, 2019 at the physical or email addresses listed below. To file comments, please see the Section titled “Filing Instructions” toward the end of this Notice.

Cross Road to Fisher Road Reliability Project

The Company proposes to install the new approximately 5.1 mile line adjacent to an existing line and within an existing ROW. The existing ROW begins at the High Hill Switching Station and extends south through the Cross Road Substation, at 245 Cross Road, terminating at the Fisher Road Substation, at 628 Fisher Road. The ROW for the Project crosses a number of public roads, including Cross Road, Route 6, Old Westport Road and Lucy Little Road, and runs along the eastern edge of the UMass Dartmouth campus. To support the proposed new 115-kV transmission

line, approximately 50 new steel monopoles will be installed on the east side of the existing ROW.



Public Review of the Company's Petition

The Company's Petition as well as a full record of the case will be available on the Department's Website, <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/19-46>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

Copies of the Company's Petition are also available for public inspection in hard-copy format at the following locations, no earlier than fourteen days before the public comment hearing:

- Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02110;
- Town of Dartmouth Clerk's Office, 400 Slocum Road, Room 203, Dartmouth, MA 02747;
- Southworth Library, 732 Dartmouth Street, South Dartmouth, MA 02748; and
- North Dartmouth Branch Library, 1383 Tucker Road, North Dartmouth, MA 02747.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Department proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing may 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 includes the right to appeal a final decision. A limited participant may receive many of the documents that will be submitted to the Department and may present written argument to the Department after evidentiary hearings conclude. A limited participant, however, may not participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding and has no right to appeal a decision.

Any person interested in intervening as a party or participating as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Hearing Officer by August 6, 2019. Petitions must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03, the Department's procedural rules including the requirement that a petition to intervene must state the manner in which the petitioner is "substantially and specifically affected" by the Company's proposed Project. The regulations pertaining to intervention and limited participation can be found on the Department's website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case>

Filing Instructions

A written comment or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant must be filed in three places.

First, the petition or comment must be filed in hard copy with the Hearing Officer, Robert J. Shea, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Second, the petition or comment must be filed with the Department in electronic format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and to robert.j.shea@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 19-46); (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 petition or written comment must be sent to counsel for Eversource Energy – Catherine J. Keuthen, Esq., and Cheryl A. Blaine, Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, MA 02110, ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com.

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. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or 617-305-3500.

Interpretation services for those with limited English language proficiency are available upon request. Include in your request the language required, and a way to contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible, by July 16, 2019 if possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Hearing Officer (contact information below).

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

Robert J. Shea, Hearing Officer
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