

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

D.P.U. 19-16

New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid

Notice is hereby given that on February 1, 2019, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (“NEP” or the “Company”), located at 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451, filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) for authority to construct, operate, and maintain the replacement of NEP’s existing G-133W 115-kilovolt (“kV”) transmission tap line (the “Existing Tap”) with a new 115-kV transmission loop line (the “New Line”) within approximately 0.82 miles of existing Company right-of-way (“ROW”) that extends from a transmission tap point on the G-133W main line in Methuen, Massachusetts, to the Massachusetts/New Hampshire border (the “Project”). The New Line will continue for approximately 0.1 miles within the ROW in Salem, New Hampshire and loop into and out of NEP’s Golden Rock Substation in Salem, New Hampshire.

As part of the Project, the Company proposes to replace NEP’s Existing Tap serving the Golden Rock Substation with the New Line along approximately 0.82 miles of existing ROW in Methuen, Massachusetts. To create the New Line, NEP proposes to replace twelve existing transmission line support structures with thirteen new weathered-steel monopole structures on concrete foundations. The new double-circuit structures will carry both parts of the loop, and will range in height from 75 to 90 feet.

The Department will conduct a public comment hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Project beginning at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2019 at Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen, MA 01844.

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the proposed Project. Public officials and the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the Project. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter. The Department will also accept written comments on the proposed Project at the public comment hearing. ***Written comments also may be filed with the Department through Monday, May 13, 2019 at the address below.***

Department Jurisdiction

Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, the Department will determine whether the Project is necessary for the proposed purpose, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

The general location, layout, dimensions and configuration of the Project are shown on maps and plans included in the Company's petition. Copies of the Company's petition are available for public inspection at the Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, and on the Department's website at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter 19-16); and at the Company's Office at 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02451. Copies are also available at the Nevins Memorial Library and the Methuen City Hall.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Department's proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing may seek either 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 grants the right to appeal a final decision. A limited participant may receive many of the documents that will be submitted to the Department and present written argument to the Department after evidentiary hearings conclude.

Any person interested in intervening as a party or participating as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Presiding Officer. Petitions must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.03, the Department's procedural rules, which can be found on the Department's website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/regulations/220-CMR-100-procedural-rules>

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

First, the petition must be filed in hard copy with the Presiding Officer, Stephen August, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, May 13, 2019.

Second, the petition must be filed with the Department in electronic format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and to stephen.august@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 19-16); (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 must be sent to counsel for National Grid – David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, MA 02110, e-mail: drosen@keeganwerlin.com; and Marisa L. Pizzi, Esq., National Grid USA Service Company d/b/a National Grid, 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA 02145, e-mail: marisa.pizzi@nationalgrid.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 April 16, 2019 if possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Presiding Officer (contact information below).

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

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