

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

D.P.U. 17-114

Petition of Hopkinton LNG Corp. before the Department of Public
Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3 for Zoning Exemptions from the
Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Hopkinton

Notice is hereby given that Hopkinton LNG Corp. (the “Company”), a subsidiary of Eversource Energy, has filed with the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) a petition pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40A, § 3 seeking individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the operation of the Town of Hopkinton Zoning Bylaws. The zoning exemptions are requested in connection with the Company’s proposed modifications at its existing liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) facility (“Facility”) located at 52 and 55 Wilson Street in Hopkinton, Massachusetts. The modifications (“Project”) consist of: installing equipment used to liquefy pipeline natural gas for storage in the on-site LNG tanks; replacing the Facility’s existing gas pretreatment system; and replacing compressors used to return boil-off gas to the distribution system. In addition, the Project includes the installation of utilities and equipment to support the new Facility components. The new components would be installed on an undeveloped approximately 6-acre portion of the Facility (“Project Site”). The Company states that the Project is needed to maintain adequate deliverability of natural gas during periods of high demand or pipeline restrictions in the region.

The Department will review the Project to determine whether it is necessary for the proposed purpose, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3.

The Department will conduct a public comment hearing to receive public comment on the Project beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at the Hopkinton High School Auditorium, 90 Hayden Rowe Street, Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

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 provide comments about the proposed Project. The public may also file written comments with the Presiding Officer. To file comments, please see instructions in the section “Comments, Intervention and Participation” on the next page of this Notice.

A copy of the Company’s Petition is available on the Department’s website, www.mass.gov/dpu. Once at that website, click on “DPU File Room”; then click on “Dockets/Filings”; choose “Docket by Number” from the drop-down menu; you will see a box with the words “Enter docket number,” enter 17-114 in that box; and then click on the “Go” icon, which is located next to the box. The Company’s Petition is also available in hard-copy format for public inspection at the offices of the Department, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. A copy also will be

available for public viewing at the Hopkinton Public Library, 65 South Street, Hopkinton, Massachusetts, no later than fourteen (14) days before the public hearing.

Comments, Intervention and Participation

Any person who desires to submit written comments on the Company's Petition is requested to do so by filing an original and two (2) copies of such comments by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110. An electronic copy of all comments should be sent by email to the following: (1) the Department at dpu.efiling@state.ma.us; (2) the Company's counsel Catherine Keuthen, Esq., at ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com; and (3) the Department's Hearing Officer, Stephen H. August, at stephen.august@state.ma.us.

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. Petitions must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03(1). Receipt by the Department – not mailing or postmark – constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely unless good cause is shown for waiver pursuant to 220 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to 220 CMR 1.03(1) must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding.

A petition to intervene also should be submitted to the Department by email attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us, with a copy sent by email to ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com, and to stephen.august@state.ma.us. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 17-114); (2) name of the person or company 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. All written pleadings submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Reasonable accommodations at public or evidentiary hearings 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 Theresa Kelly at theresa.kelly@state.ma.us or (617) 305-3642.

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, including information regarding intervention or participating in the adjudicatory proceeding, may contact the Hearing Officer at:

Stephen August, Hearing Officer
Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities
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[617-305-3622 and stephen.august@state.ma]