

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
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NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) has submitted to the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) a Project Change Filing in connection with an Eversource electric transmission and substation project (“Project”), which the Siting Board approved on December 1, 2017.

The approved Project includes two new underground transmission lines that will travel through Everett, Chelsea, and East Boston, and a new electric substation (“Substation”) in East Boston. Eversource now seeks approval from the Siting Board to modify a portion of the approved Project. The Company proposes to move the site of the new Substation approximately 190 feet to the west of its original location. Both the original site and the proposed new site for the Substation are located within a larger parcel of land owned the City of Boston in the East Eagle area of East Boston.

The Siting Board will be reviewing the impacts of relocating the Substation as proposed by Eversource. The remainder of the Project, including the new transmission lines, is not under review in this Project Change proceeding.

The attached legal notice describes Eversource’s proposed Project Change. The notice also explains the opportunities for public participation in the review process. **Please read this notice carefully.**

The Siting Board is a state agency that will review the Company’s proposed relocation of the Substation. The Siting Board will conduct a **public comment hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m. on February 5, 2019 at East Boston High School, 86 White Street, East Boston, MA 02128** to receive public comment on the proposed change to the approved Project. A Spanish/English and a Portuguese/English interpreter will be present. At the public comment hearing, the Company will provide information on the proposed relocation of the Substation, and the Siting Board will present information on its review process and receive comments and questions from members of the community. All comments are important to the Siting Board; anyone with an interest in the Project Change is encouraged to attend the public comment hearing.

Individuals and groups affected by the Company’s Project Change Filing who wish to be involved in the Siting Board review process may request to participate as either intervenors or limited participants. Such requests must meet the criteria outlined in the attached legal notice. **The deadline to make such a request is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.** Questions concerning participation will also be answered at the public comment hearing, and also can be answered by the Presiding Officer, whose contact information is below.

Copies of the Company’s Project Change Filing are available for public inspection at the locations listed in the enclosed Notice. If you have any questions about the Siting Board’s review process, please feel free to contact the Presiding Officer, M. Kathryn Sedor, Esq., at (617) 305-3525, or at Kathryn.Sedor@mass.gov. The Siting Board’s mailing address is: One South Station, Boston, MA 02110.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

**NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

EFSB 14-04A/D.P.U. 14-153A/14-154A
NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy
Notice of Project Change

Notice is hereby given that NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or “Company”) has submitted to the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) a Notice of Project Change in connection with the electric transmission project (“Project”) approved by the Siting Board in its December 1, 2017 Final Decision in EFSB 14-04/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154 (“Final Decision”). The Project as approved includes two new 115-kilovolt (“kV”) underground electric transmission lines in Everett, Chelsea, and East Boston, Massachusetts, as well as a new 115/14-kV substation (“Substation”) in East Boston. In its Notice of Project Change, Eversource seeks approval to modify the location of the Substation.

As approved in the Final Decision, the Substation would have been located on a parcel of land on the eastern side of a larger parcel of land owned by the City of Boston (“City Parcel”) in the East Eagle area of East Boston. In its Notice of Project Change, Eversource seeks approval to move the Substation 190 feet, to the western side of the City Parcel. Accordingly, the scope of this proceeding is limited to Eversource’s proposed relocation of the Substation from its current site on the eastern side of the City Parcel (“Original Site”) to a new location on the western side of the City Parcel (“New Site”) (“Project Change”). The two 115-kV transmission lines would connect to the Substation at the New Site and no longer be routed along Condor and East Eagle Streets. The layout and components of the Substation will remain substantially unchanged from what was previously approved in the Final Decision.

Figure 1, below, shows the relative locations of the Original Site, the New Site, and the City Parcel.

Opportunity for Public Comment

The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing on Eversource’s proposed Project Change:

**Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.
East Boston High School
86 White Street
East Boston, MA 02128**

At the public comment hearing, Eversource will present an overview of the proposed Project Change. Public officials and the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments about the Project Change. A Spanish/English and a Portuguese/English interpreter will be present. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter.

Written comments may be submitted at the public comment hearing, or filed with the Siting Board

through Tuesday, February 19, 2019. Comments must be filed electronically, by email attachment, to the Presiding Officer and to the Siting Board's electronic docket: kathryn.sedor@mass.gov and dpu.efiling@mass.gov. Comments emailed to the Presiding Officer must be followed by a mailed hard copy. Additionally, all written comments must be provided electronically by email attachment to counsel for Eversource, Catherine Keuthen, at ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com.

Siting Board Jurisdiction and Scope of Review

The Siting Board will review the Company's Project Change Filing to determine whether the proposed relocation of the Substation within the City Parcel would alter in any substantive way either the assumptions or conclusions reached by the Siting Board in its analysis of the Project's environmental impacts in the original Siting Board proceeding.

The scope of the Siting Board's review in this proceeding is limited to Eversource's proposed Project Change. Specifically, the Siting Board is reviewing potential impacts of relocating the Substation from the Original Site, on the eastern side of the City Parcel, to the New Site, on the western side of the City Parcel, a distance of approximately 190 feet. The Siting Board will not be reviewing matters unrelated to the Project Change, such as the need for the overall Project, Project alternatives, or other matters that were reviewed and decided by the Siting Board in the Final Decision, and are not directly related to or affected by the proposed relocation of the Substation.

Figure 1: Original and New Substation Sites



Public Review of the Notice of Project Change

The general location, layout, dimensions and configuration of the Substation are described and shown on maps and plans included in the Company's Notice of Project Change, dated November 15, 2018. Copies of the Company's Notice of Project Change, including all attachments, are available for public inspection at the offices of the Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, and at the offices of Eversource's counsel, Catherine Keuthen, Esq., Keegan Werlin, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-3113. Copies are also available at the following locations:

- Office of the Boston City Clerk, Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02201
- East Boston Public Library, 365 Bremen Street, East Boston, MA 02128

In addition, the Company's Notice of Project Change including all attachments, are electronically available via the Department of Public Utilities' website at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom>

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in this Project Change proceeding beyond providing comments may file a petition to intervene as a party or a petition to participate as a limited participant.

Intervention allows a person or group to participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including evidentiary hearings in Boston, if evidentiary hearings are conducted, and grants the right to appeal the Siting Board's final decision in this proceeding. A limited participant may receive many of the documents that will be submitted to the Siting Board, but may not present evidence or appeal the final decision. Both parties and limited participants may present oral comment to the Siting Board at the public meeting at the conclusion of the proceeding, during which the Board will deliberate on the Tentative 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 Presiding Officer. Petitions must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 980 CMR 1.05, the Siting Board's procedural rules. Among these rules is the requirement that a petition to intervene "must state the manner in which the petitioner is "substantially and specifically affected" by the proposed Project Change. The regulations pertaining to intervention and limited participation can be found on the Board's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case>.

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

First, the petition must be filed electronically, by email attachment, to the Presiding Officer, M. Kathryn Sedor, at kathryn.sedor@mass.gov **no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Tuesday, February 19, 2019**. The text of the email to the Presiding Officer must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 14-04A/D.P.U.14-153A/14-154A; (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.

Second, the petition must be filed electronically with the Siting Board by email attachment, at dpu.efiling@mass.gov. The text of the email to the Siting Board also must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 14-04A/D.P.U. 15-153A/14-154A; (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 by e-mail attachment to counsel for Eversource, Catherine Keuthen, Esq., at ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com

Public Accommodation

Upon request, copies of the Project Change Filing or other 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). Contact the Department's ADA coordinator with your request, at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

Reasonable accommodations at the public comment hearing 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 may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator with your request, at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

As noted above, interpretation services in Spanish/English and Portuguese/English will be provided at the public comment hearing. Interpretation in additional languages may be available upon request. Include in your request the language(s) required, and how many persons will require interpretation services. Provide a way to contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Presiding Officer with your request (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, telephone number, or email below:

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