

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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

EFSB 19-03/D.P.U. 19-15

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

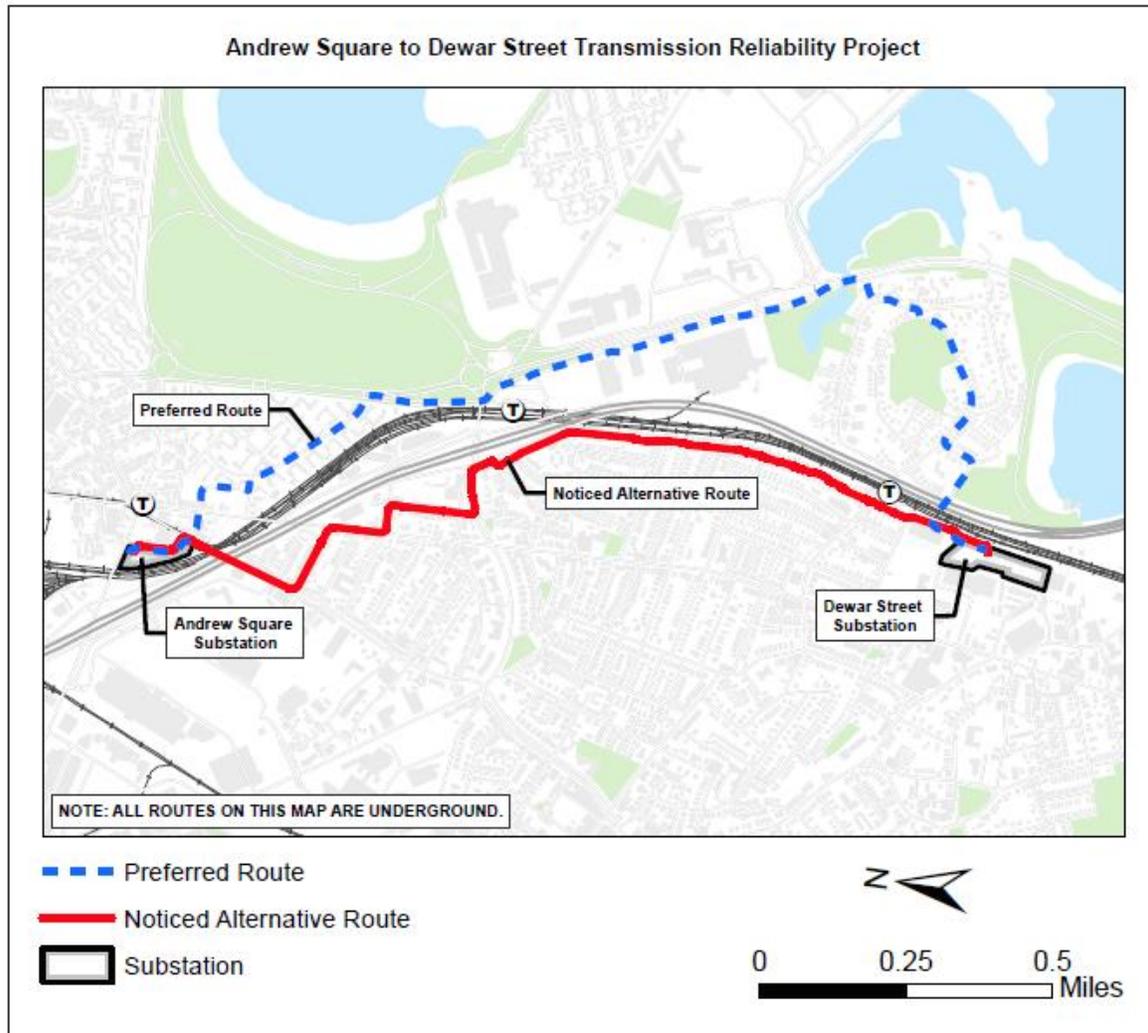
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69J, 72, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or “Company”), located at 247 Station Drive, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090, has filed two related petitions with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) and the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) in connection with the Company’s proposal to construct, operate and maintain a new approximately two-mile, 115 kilovolt (“kV”) underground transmission line (“New Line”). The New Line will be constructed between the Company’s existing Andrew Square Substation (“Andrew Square Substation”) located at 45 Ellery Street in South Boston and its existing Dewar Street Substation (“Dewar Street Substation”) located on Dewar Street in Dorchester, and will pass through the Dorchester and South Boston neighborhoods of the City of Boston. The New Line and modifications at the Andrew Square and Dewar Street Substations needed to connect the New Line are known as the Andrew Square to Dewar Street Transmission Reliability Project (“the Project”). The Project is proposed in order to address electric reliability needs on the existing transmission system.

The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Project on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at Boston College High School, Cadigan Lecture Hall, 150 Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA 02125, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At the public comment hearing, Eversource will present an overview of the 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 Siting Board will also accept written comments on the proposed Project at the public comment hearing. **Written comments also may be filed with the Siting Board through Thursday, July 11, 2019.**

Siting Board Jurisdiction

Under G.L. c. 164, § 69J, the Siting Board will review the Company’s filing to determine whether the Project would provide a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost. Under G.L. c. 164, § 72, the Siting Board will determine whether the proposed Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.



The Company's Preferred Route

The Company identified a Preferred Route for the New Line. The Preferred Route is approximately two miles long and generally follows Morrissey Boulevard. The Company's Preferred Route would exit the Andrew Square Substation east on Ellery Street, turn south on Boston Street, east on Songin Way, continue on O'Connor Way, then turn east onto Kemp Street and south on O'Callaghan Way until the intersection of Old Colony Avenue. The route would then continue south on Old Colony Avenue on to William T. Morrissey Boulevard after Kosciuszko Circle, at which point it would turn south onto Savin Hill Avenue, and down Grampian Way. The route would then turn south on Playstead Road, west on Springdale Street, under the MBTA tracks and I-93 and into Dewar Street Substation.

The Company's Noticed Alternative Route

The Company also identified a Noticed Alternative Route for the New Line. The Noticed Alternative Route is approximately 1.6 miles long and generally follows Sydney Street. The Noticed Alternative Route would exit the Andrew Square Substation east on Ellery Street, turn south on Boston Street, east on Howell Street, south on Dorchester Avenue, east on Locust Street,

south on Buttonwood Street, and east on Mount Vernon Street, at which point the route would cross Columbia Road and travel south on Sydney Street to Dewar Street Substation.

Substation Work at Andrew Square Substation

The Company's Andrew Square Substation is located on Ellery Street at Southampton Street in South Boston, on a 2.02-acre, Company-owned parcel of land. To accommodate either the Preferred or Noticed Alternative Route, the Company would install a hybrid air/gas insulated switchgear module and associated interconnecting equipment and bus work. The Company would also install control and protection equipment in the control house. No fence line expansion or removal of existing equipment is required to accommodate these proposed improvements at the Andrew Square Substation.

Substation Work at Dewar Street Substation

The Company's Dewar Street Substation is located on Dewar Street at Auckland Street in Dorchester, Boston, on 4.36 acres of Company-owned property. To accommodate either the Preferred or Noticed Alternative Routes, the Company would install a hybrid air/gas insulated module on an elevated platform and associated interconnecting equipment and bus work. The Company would also install control and protection equipment in the control house and a 100-foot shielding mast. No fence line expansion or removal of existing equipment is required to accommodate these proposed improvements at the Dewar Street Substation.

Public Review of the Company's Petitions

The general location, layout, dimensions, and configuration of the Preferred Route and Noticed Alternative Route for the Project are shown on maps and plans included with the Company's filing, dated March 1, 2019. Copies of the Company's petitions, including all attachments are available for public inspection in hard-copy format at the Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, and at the offices of Eversource's counsel, Catherine Keuthen, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, MA 02110. Copies are also available at the following locations:

- Boston Public Library, Uphams Corner Branch, 500 Columbia Road, Dorchester, MA 02125
- Boston Public Library, South Boston Branch, 646 East Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127
- Boston City Clerk, 1 City Hall Square, Room 601, Boston, MA 02201

In addition, the Company's Petitions, including all attachments, are electronically available via the Department of Public Utilities' website at:

<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFSB19-03>. 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 DPU/ADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

Written Comments

Written comments regarding the proposed Project may be filed with the Siting Board until **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2019**. Any person wishing to submit written comments regarding

the Project should send them by email or email attachment to: (1) dpu.efiling@mass.gov and (2) Stephen.August@mass.gov. Alternatively, written comments may be sent by U.S. mail to Stephen August, Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing comments at the public hearing or submitting written comments may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. Intervention as a party allows the person or group to participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including the right to participate in evidentiary hearings in Boston, and to appeal a final decision. A limited participant would receive documents in the proceeding, and would have the opportunity to present written or oral argument to the Siting Board 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 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 Company's proposed Project. 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 participate as a limited participant must be filed in **three** places.

First, the petition must be filed in hard copy by U.S. mail with the Presiding Officer, Stephen August, Esq., Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110, **no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Thursday, July 11, 2019.**

Second, the petition must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format, by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov; and to Stephen.August@mass.gov. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 19-03/D.P.U. 19-15); (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 the Company, Catherine J. Keuthen, Esq. and Cheryl A. Blaine Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street Suite 2900, Boston, MA 02110; or ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com and cblaine@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 Departments ADA coordinator at DPU/ADACoordinator@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 June 19, 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 regarding intervention or participation in the adjudicatory proceeding, may contact the Presiding Officer at:

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