

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
D.P.U. 19-80**

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

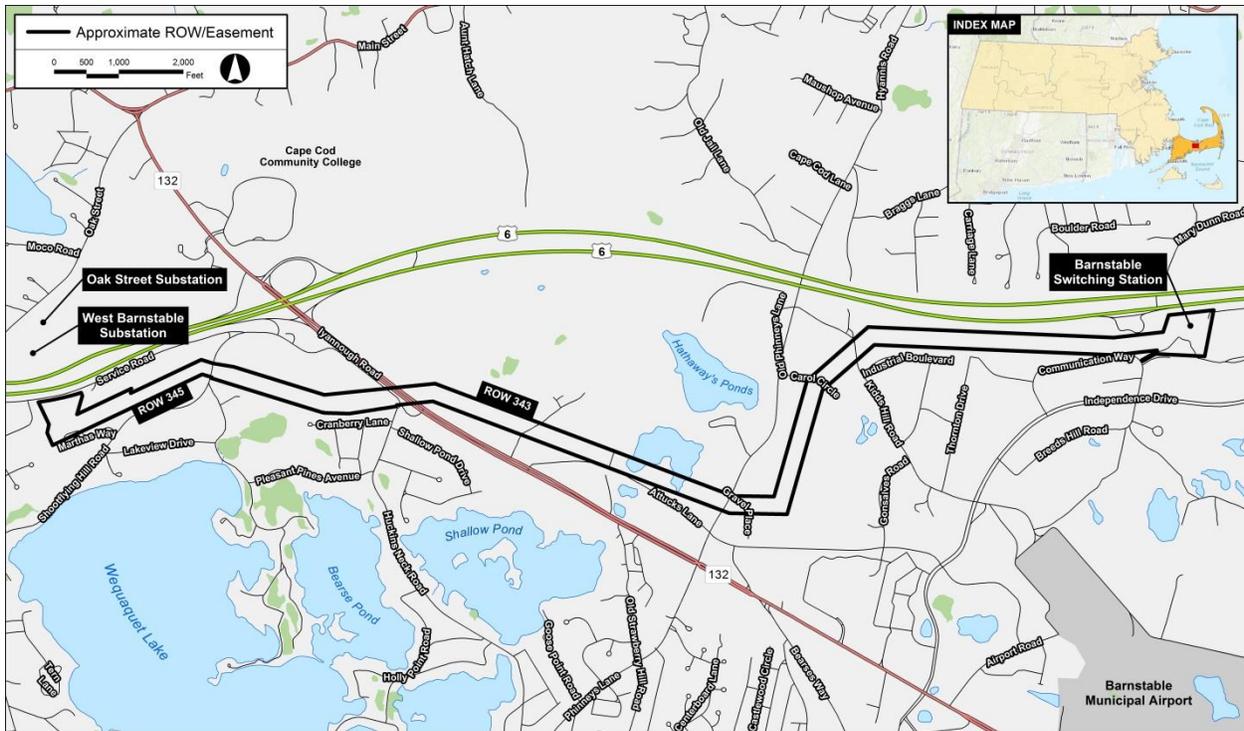
Notice is hereby given that, on June 26, 2019, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) a Petition, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 164, § 72, for approval to construct and operate a new, approximately 3.3 mile 115 kilovolt (“kV”) overhead transmission line on an existing right-of-way (“ROW”) between Shootflying Hill Road and the Barnstable Switching Station, both in the Town of Barnstable, Massachusetts (the “Project”). The Petition has been docketed as D.P.U. 19-80. The Department will review the Project to determine whether the proposed new 115 kV overhead 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 November 4, 2019, at Knight Hall in Barnstable High School, 744 West Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601.

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 provide 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 November 18, 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.

Barnstable Reliability Project

The Company proposes to: (1) relocate an existing 115-kV transmission line onto 28 newly constructed monopole structures along approximately 3.3 miles of an existing Eversource ROW between Shootflying Hill Road and the Barnstable Switching Station at 52 Communication Way (“ROW 343”); and (2) install approximately 0.5 miles of Optical Ground Wire on existing transmission structures along an adjacent electrical ROW west of Shootflying Hill Road (“ROW 345”). Eversource proposes the Project to improve the reliability of the Company’s 115-kV electric transmission system and to prevent potential power outages.



Public Review of the Company’s Petition

Copies of the Company’s Petition will also be available for public inspection in hard-copy format at the following locations, no later than fourteen days before the public hearing:

- Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02110;
- Town of Barnstable, Town Clerk’s Office, 367 Main Street, Hyannis MA 02601;
- Sturgis Library, 3090 Main Street, Barnstable, MA 02630; and
- Whelden Memorial Library, 2401 Meetinghouse Way, West Barnstable, MA 02668

The Company’s Petition as well as the full record of the proceeding will be available on the Department’s Website at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/19-80>. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) for persons with disabilities contact the Department’s ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

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 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 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 November 18, 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, Donna Sharkey, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110, no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, November 18, 2019.

Second, the written comment or petition must be filed with the Department in electronic format by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and donna.sharkey@mass.gov. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 19-80); (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 written comment or petition must be sent in hard copy and electronically to counsel for the Company, David S. Rosenzweig Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, MA 02110, drosen@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, as appropriate, throughout the proceeding. 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, and by October 28, 2019, if possible. Contact the Hearing Officer for assistance (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 or telephone number below:

Donna Sharkey, Hearing Officer
Department of Public Utilities

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