

News Release

NSTAR Electric Company Declares Preferred Dividends

BOSTON (March 24, 2016) – The Board of Directors of NSTAR Electric Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Eversource Energy, announced the declaration of the following preferred stock dividends payable May 1, 2016 to holders of record as of April 8, 2016:

- A quarterly dividend of \$1.0625 per share on NSTAR Electric Company's cumulative preferred stock, 4.25% series; and
- A quarterly dividend of \$1.195 per share on NSTAR Electric Company's cumulative preferred stock, 4.78% series.

Eversource (NYSE: ES) transmits and delivers electricity and natural gas to 1.7 million customers throughout Massachusetts, including more than 1.4 million electric customers in 140 communities and more than 300,000 gas customers in 51 communities. Eversource harnesses the commitment of its approximately 8,000 employees across three states to build a single, united company around the mission of delivering reliable energy and superior customer service. For more information, please visit our website (<u>www.eversource.com</u>) and follow us on Twitter (<u>@eversourceMA</u>) and Facebook (<u>facebook.com/EversourceMA</u>).

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