

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

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

EFSB 14-04/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154
NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

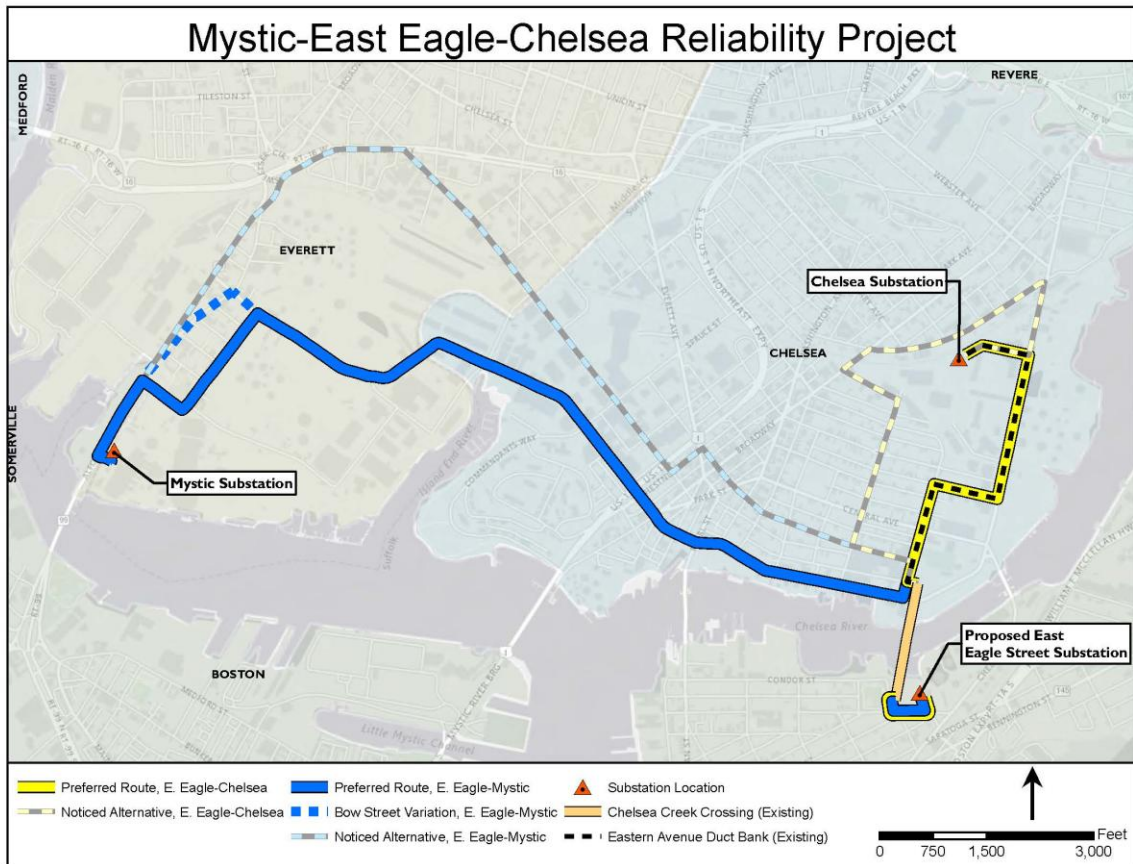
Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J, G.L. c. 164, § 72, and Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) located at 1 NSTAR Way, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090, has filed with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board”) and the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) three petitions in connection with the Company’s proposal to construct and operate two new 115-kilovolt (“kV”) underground electric transmission lines in Everett, Chelsea, and East Boston. The two proposed transmission lines are referred to individually as the “East Eagle – Mystic Line” and the “East Eagle – Chelsea Line,” and together as the “New Lines”. The Company also proposes to construct a new 115/14-kV substation (the “East Eagle Street Substation”) on Company property in East Boston and to make minor improvements within the footprint of the existing Mystic Substation in Everett and the existing Chelsea Substation in Chelsea. The proposed New Lines, the proposed East Eagle Street Substation, and the proposed substation improvements together constitute the Mystic – East Eagle – Chelsea Reliability Project (the “Project”). The Project is designed to address substation capacity needs in the area served by the Chelsea Substation and to improve the reliability of service to customers from East Boston to Swampscott.

The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing to receive public comment on the Project at 7:00 p.m. on July 29, 2015, at the Chelsea Senior Center, 307 Chestnut Street (Entrance at Riley Way), Chelsea, MA.

At the public comment hearing, Eversource will present an overview of the proposed Project. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the proposed Project. A Spanish/English and Portuguese/English translator will be present. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter. The public may also file written comments with the Presiding Officer, by August 12, 2015. To file comments, please see the Section titled “Filing Requirements” at the end of this Notice.

Pursuant to an Order issued by the Chair of the Department of Public Utilities on December 23, 2014, the Company’s three petitions relating to the Project have been consolidated for hearing before the Siting Board, with the docket number EFSB 14-04/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154. Under G.L. c. 164, § 69J, the Siting Board will review the Company’s filing to determine whether the proposed 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 115-kV transmission lines are necessary, serve the public convenience, and are consistent with the

public interest. Under Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, the Siting Board will determine whether zoning exemptions are required for the Project and whether the present or proposed use of the land or structures is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public.



The Company's Preferred Transmission Line Routes

The Company's Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Chelsea Line involves the installation of approximately 1.51 miles of underground 115-kV cable below city streets in East Boston and Chelsea, running from the proposed East Eagle Street Substation in East Boston to the existing Chelsea Substation in Chelsea.

The Company's Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line involves the installation of approximately 3.23 miles of underground 115-kV cable below city streets in East Boston, Chelsea, and Everett, running from the proposed East Eagle Substation in East Boston to the existing Mystic Substation in Everett. A variation on the Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line has also been identified, referred to as the Bow Street Variation. The Preferred Route with or without the Bow Street variation is 3.23 miles long.

A more detailed description of the Company's Preferred Routes for the two New Lines, by city, is provided below.

East Boston: The Preferred Route for both of the New Lines begins at the proposed East Eagle Street Substation in East Boston and travels south to East Eagle Street within a Company-owned easement over City of Boston-owned property. The route continues west on East Eagle Street, then turns north on Condor Street to connect with the existing Chelsea Creek Crossing, also located within a Company-owned easement on City of Boston-owned property. The route then crosses under the Chelsea Creek into Chelsea. At this point, the Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line and the Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Chelsea Line diverge. The total length of the New Lines within East Boston is 0.33 miles.

Chelsea: From the termination point of the Chelsea Creek Crossing at a parking lot on the east side of Willow Street in Chelsea, the Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Chelsea Line travels north on Willow Street, turns east onto Cottage Street, then turns north on Eastern Avenue. The route turns west on Willoughby Street to connect to the Chelsea Substation. The East Eagle – Chelsea Line ends at the Chelsea Substation. The total length of the East Eagle – Chelsea Line within Chelsea is 1.18 miles.

From the termination point of the Chelsea Creek Crossing in Chelsea, the Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line travels south on Willow Street. The route turns west onto Marginal Street, then continues along Williams Street and Beacham Street before entering Everett just west of Riley Way. The total length of the East Eagle – Mystic Line within Chelsea is 1.72 miles.

Everett: From Chelsea, the Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line continues into Everett along Beacham Street as far as Robin Street, turns south, then turns west on Dexter Street. Turning south onto Alford Street/Route 99, the route proceeds to the Mystic Substation in Everett. The East Eagle – Mystic Line ends at the Mystic Substation. The total length of the East Eagle – Mystic Line within Everett is 1.18 miles.

The Company is also investigating a variation to the Preferred Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line in Everett, referred to as the Bow Street Variation. Instead of heading south on Robin Street, the Bow Street Variation heads south on Bow Street to Alford Street. It then heads south on Alford Street to the Mystic Substation.

The Company's Alternative Transmission Line Routes

The Company also identified Alternative Routes for both of the New Lines. The Alternative Route for the East Eagle – Chelsea Line involves the installation of approximately 2.28 miles of underground 115-kV transmission cable between the proposed East Eagle Street Substation in East Boston and the existing Chelsea Substation in Chelsea. The Alternative Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line involves the installation of approximately 3.59 miles of new underground 115-kV transmission cable between the proposed East Eagle Substation and the existing Mystic Substation in Everett. A more detailed description of the Alternative Routes for the Project, by city, is provided below.

East Boston: The Alternative Route for both of the New Lines within East Boston is the same as the Preferred Route, described above.

Chelsea: The Alternative Route for the East Eagle – Chelsea Line continues from the termination point of the Chelsea Creek Crossing on the east side of Willow Street in Chelsea onto Willow Street. The route then heads north on Willow Street, and turns west on Congress Avenue. Turning north on Highland Street, the route follows alongside a set of stairs between Grove and Marlborough Streets where there is no pavement. At Gerrish Avenue, the route travels west, then turns northeast onto Broadway. The route then continues eastward on Crescent Avenue, south on Eastern Avenue, and then west on Willoughby Street to connect to the existing Chelsea Substation in Chelsea, where the Line ends. The total length of the Alternative Route within Chelsea is 1.95 miles.

The Alternative Route for the East Eagle – Mystic Line continues from the termination point of the Chelsea Creek Crossing, turning north on Willow Street. The route then turns west on Congress Avenue, continues onto Third Street, then turns southwest on Chestnut Street. At Second Street, the route turns northwest before entering Everett just east of Market Street. The total length of the Alternative Route within Chelsea is 1.54 miles.

Everett: In Everett, the East Eagle – Mystic Line continues underground from Market Street, along Second Street, then follows Route 16/Revere Beach Parkway. To continue onto Route 99/Broadway, the route would either be installed within the entrance ramp to Route 16 from the southeast side of the Route 99 rotary, and then travel within the rotary and down Broadway; or would leave the public way and head under the railroad tracks to re-enter Broadway on the south side of the railroad tracks. Once on Broadway, the route would continue onto Alford Street and connect to the existing Mystic Substation, where the Line ends. The total length of the route within Everett is 1.72 miles.

The East Eagle Street Substation

Regardless of the route selected for the New Lines, the Project includes the construction of the proposed East Eagle Street Substation, a new electrical substation to be located on a 0.38-acre parcel of Company-owned land off East Eagle Street in East Boston. The proposed Substation would consist of 115-kV gas-insulated switchgear equipment; a control enclosure measuring 30 feet by 40 feet that would contain protective relay and control equipment, communication equipment and control batteries; two 115/14-kV transformers; two sections of 14-kV distribution switchgear; and two capacitor banks. Room would be reserved for an additional future transformer, switchgear, and capacitor bank.

The general location, layout, dimensions, and configuration of the Preferred and Alternative Routes for the Project are shown on maps and plans included in the Company's petitions. Copies of the Company's petitions are available for public inspection in hard-copy format at the following locations:

Public Review of the Company's Petitions

Copies of the Company's three petitions are available for public review at the following locations:

- MA Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110. You may call 617-305-3791 to make an appointment to review the Petitions at the Siting Board's offices.
- Boston City Clerk, Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square, Boston MA 02201
- East Boston Public Library, 365 Bremen Street, East Boston, MA 02128
- Everett City Clerk, Everett City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149
- Parlin Memorial Library, 410 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149
- Chelsea City Clerk, Chelsea City Hall, 500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150
- Chelsea Public Library, 569 Broadway, Chelsea, MA 02150

In addition, the Company's petitions are electronically available via the Department's "File Room," at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom>. Click on "Dockets/Filings" then "Docket by Number" and then enter "EFSB 14-4".

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing public comments at the hearing may file written comments, and/or seek 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 grants the right to appeal a final decision. A limited participant may receive many of the documents that will be submitted to the Siting Board and present written or oral argument to the Siting Board after evidentiary hearings conclude.

Any person who desires to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Siting Board. A petition to intervene or a petition to participate as a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 980 C.M.R. § 1.00, the Siting Board's procedural rules, which can be found on the Board's website at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/energy-utilities-clean-tech/energy-facilities-siting-board/>

Once on the website, click on "Relevant Regulations".

Filing Instructions

Written comments on the Company's Petitions, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant, must be filed in three places:

First, the comments or petition must be filed in hard copy with: the Presiding Officer, M. Kathryn Sedor, Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on August 12, 2015.

Second, the comments or petition must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us; and Kathryn.Sedor@state.ma.us; or (2) on a PC-compatible compact disc filed with the Presiding

Officer. The text of the email or the CD label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 14-04/D.P.U. 14-153/14-154); (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 comments or petition must be sent in hard copy and electronically to counsel for Eversource Energy, Catherine Keuthen, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110; ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com.

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, including information about intervention or participation in the proceeding may also contact the Presiding Officer at the address or telephone number below:

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