

News Release

NSTAR Electric Company Declares Preferred Dividends

BOSTON (December 20, 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 February 1, 2017 to holders of record as of January 10, 2017:

- 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 approximately 1.4 million electric customers in 140 communities and 300,000 gas customers in 51 communities. Recognized as the top U.S. utility for its energy efficiency programs by the sustainability advocacy organization Ceres, Eversource harnesses the commitment of its approximately 8,000 employees across three states to build a single, united company around the mission of safely delivering reliable energy and superior customer service. For more information, please visit our website (www.eversource.com) and follow us on Twitter ([@eversourceMA](https://twitter.com/eversourceMA)) and Facebook (facebook.com/EversourceMA).

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