

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**  
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The Department of Public Utilities will hold a public comment hearing on May 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Tynan Elementary School at 650 East Fourth Street, South Boston regarding, as described below. The attached legal notice describes the proposed modifications at the K Street Substation and the opportunities for public participation in the review process. **Please read this notice carefully.**

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (the “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) seeking individual and comprehensive zoning relief from the operation of the Boston Zoning Code pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956. The zoning exemption relief is requested to complete certain proposed modifications to an existing substation, Substation No. 385 (the “K Street Substation”) located at 500 East First Street in South Boston, Massachusetts. The Department has docketed the petition as D.P.U. 17-147. The Department will review proposed modifications to the existing electrical substation, and determine whether the zoning exemptions should be granted and if the proposed use of the land or structure is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public.

The Company’s petition includes two proposed projects. First, the Company proposes to install a new voltage regulator and related equipment and to change the configuration of existing equipment including the addition of equipment at a new parcel of land at the rear of the existing site (“Voltage Regulator Project”). Second, the Company plans to enclose the perimeter of both the existing site and the new parcel and erect barriers around certain existing equipment with new security fencing and upgrade the existing security measures. The Company also has committed to construct a walkway to connect the existing Harborwalk around the shoreline at site.

The Department is a state agency that will determine whether the Company should be granted the zoning relief related to the construction and operation of the proposed Projects. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment at the Department’s public comment hearing. At the public comment hearing, the Company will provide information on the proposed Projects and the Department will receive comments from members of the community. The public comment hearing is an important opportunity for the community to learn about the Company’s proposal and for the Department to hear questions and concerns from the community. All comments are important to the Department; anyone with an interest in the Projects is encouraged to attend.

Individuals and groups affected by the Company’s petition who wish to be involved in the Department’s review process may request to participate as either intervenors or limited participants. Such requests must meet the criteria outlined in the attached legal notice. **The deadline to make such a request is 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2018.** The process for making a request to participate is explained in the legal notice. Questions concerning participation also will be answered at the public comment hearing.

Copies of the Company’s petitions are available for public inspection at the locations listed on the enclosed notice. If you have any questions about the Department’s review process, please feel free to contact the Presiding Officer, Donna Sharkey, at (617) 305-3525, or [donna.sharkey@state.ma.us](mailto:donna.sharkey@state.ma.us). The Department is located at One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.