

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource)
Energy pursuant to G.L. c. 164 § 72 for Approval to)
Construct and Operate a New 115-kilovolt Overhead) D.P.U. 19-80
Transmission Line on an Existing Right-of-Way in the)
Town of Barnstable)
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AFFIDAVIT OF DENISE BARTONE

I, Denise Bartone, do hereby state and depose as follows:

1. I am a Senior Environmental Engineer for NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy with a business address of 247 Station Way, Westwood, Massachusetts.

2. I am involved in the environmental permitting efforts of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) in the above-captioned proceeding.

3. I have analyzed the environmental impacts of and the necessary environmental permitting required at the state and local levels for the Company’s proposal to: (i) separate two circuits that are supported by common double-circuit structures by relocating one of the 115-kilovolt electric transmission lines to newly constructed structures for approximately 3.3 miles within existing Eversource right-of-way #343 (“ROW 343”) between Shootflying Hill Road and Barnstable Switching Station; and (ii) install approximately 0.5 additional miles of Optical Ground Wire (“OPGW”) to replace the existing static wire on existing Eversource ROW 345 (the “Project”).

4. I have reviewed the thresholds found in 301 C.M.R. 11.03 that identify categories of projects for which review under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (“MEPA”), G.L. c. 30, §§ 61-62H, is required. I have determined that the Project as proposed will not exceed any of the review thresholds therein and, accordingly, the Project does not require the filing of an Environmental Notification Form with the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

**SIGNED UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY THIS 25th DAY
OF JUNE 2019.**



Denise Bartone