

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
D.P.U. 20-67**

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy to Construct a
New 115-kilovolt Transmission Line in Carver, Plympton, and Kingston

Notice is hereby given that NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (the “Company”) has filed with the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) a petition, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, for approval to construct and operate a new, approximately 8-mile, 115-kilovolt (“kV”) predominantly overhead transmission line on an existing right-of-way (“ROW”) between the Carver Substation in Carver, Massachusetts and the Kingston Substation in Kingston, Massachusetts (the “Project”). The Project also includes minor upgrades to both substations. The Project is intended to address the risk of load interruption and improve reliability in an area including all or part of the towns of Kingston, Carver, Marshfield, Duxbury, Plymouth, and Plympton, with a few customers in Pembroke. The petition has been docketed as D.P.U. 20-67. The Department is a state agency that will determine whether the Company’s Petition is approved, and if so, what conditions are required. The Department will review the Project to determine whether the proposed new 115-kV transmission line is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Department will conduct a public comment hearing regarding the Project using Zoom video conferencing at 7:00 p.m. on October 27, 2020. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96479760940> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **1 (646) 558-8656** (**not toll free**) and then enter the **Meeting ID# 964 7976 0940**.

If you anticipate providing live comments via Zoom during the public comment hearing, please send an email to geneen.bartley@mass.gov with your name, email address and mailing address by **October 26, 2020**. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message at **(617) 305-3529** with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **October 26, 2020**. Additional commenters may be allowed during the public comment hearing, at the discretion of the Hearing Officer.

At the virtual public comment hearing, the Company 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. The public comment hearing will be recorded by a court reporter. The public may also file written comments with the Hearing Officer. To file comments, please see the Section titled “Filing Instructions” toward the end of this Notice. Written comments will be accepted through **November 10, 2020**.

Carver to Kingston Reliability Project

The Company proposes to install the new transmission line adjacent to existing lines and within an existing ROW, extending through the towns of Carver, Plympton, and Kingston. The route for the new line begins at the Carver Substation, extends north approximately five miles to the Company's Brook Street Substation in Plympton, then continues north approximately three miles to the Kingston Substation. A total of 61 new overhead line support structures and two new transition structures will be installed to support the new line. In Plympton, approximately 1,200 feet of the new line will be installed underground in the area of the Brook Street Substation. The proposed route of the new line crosses Main Street (Route 58), Silva Street, Surrey Drive, Center Street, Plymouth Street, High Street, and Route 44 in Carver; Spring Street and Brook Street in Plympton; and Tall Timbers Lane, Deer Run Road, Pine Hill Road, Wapping Road (Route 106), Foxworth Lane, Grove Street and Pembroke Street (Route 27) in Kingston. This route is shown in the figure below.



Public Review of the Company's Petition

Electronic copies of the Company's Petition have been filed with the Towns of Carver, Kingston and Plympton. Copies are available for public inspection in electronic format at the following locations:

- Department of Public Utilities' website at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/20-67>
- The Company's website at: www.eversource.com/content/carver-kingston-project

To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) for persons with disabilities contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or (617) 305-3500.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Department proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments may seek either 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 the right to participate in evidentiary hearings, and grants the right to appeal a final order. A limited participant would receive documents that will be submitted to the Department and may present written argument to the Department after evidentiary hearings conclude but is not permitted to actively participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding and does not have the right to appeal the final order.

Any person wishing to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Hearing Officer. A petition to intervene or a petition to participate as a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03(1). To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to 220 CMR 1.03(1) must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. For additional information, see <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case>.

Filing Instructions

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

All comments and petitions must be filed with the Department in electronic format by e-mail or e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, geneen.bartley@mass.gov, and robert.j.shea@mass.gov no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **November 10, 2020**. The commenter or petitioner must retain a hard copy of the comment or petition and send said hard copy to the Department if and when requested. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 20-67); (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.

In addition, all comments and petitions must be sent electronically to counsel for the Company, Catherine J. Keuthen, Esq., and Cheryl A. Blaine, Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, MA 02110, ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com and cblaine@keeganwerlin.com.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if it needs more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov.

Interpretation services for those with limited English language proficiency are available upon request. Include in your request the language required, and a way to contact you if the Hearing Officer needs more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests may not be able to be accommodated.

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

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