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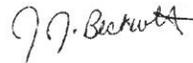
Re: NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 14-55/14-56

Dear Committee Members:

Please find enclosed a copy of the Notice of Adjudication/Notice of Public Comment Hearings provided on behalf of NSTAR Electric Company regarding the above-referenced proceeding before the Department of Public Utilities (the "DPU"). Please post this notice in a conspicuous place for public viewing at the library during regular business hours through July 8, 2014.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Jennifer J. Beckwith
Paralegal

Enclosure

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

D.P.U. 14-55/14-56

NSTAR Electric Company

On April 18, 2014, NSTAR Electric Company (“NSTAR Electric” or “the Company”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”): (1) a petition seeking approval to own, operate, and use as constructed new 115-kV underground transmission line segments in Belmont and Cambridge (the “Proposed Line”) pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, (the “Section 72 Petition”) and (2) a petition pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, seeking an exemption from the operation of the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Belmont (the “Zoning Petition”) in connection with the Company’s proposal to own, operate, and use as constructed certain 115-kV transmission facilities at a new 115/13.8-kV electrical substation to be located at 20 Flanders Road in Belmont (the “Flanders Road Substation”). The Department has consolidated the Company’s Zoning Petition and Section 72 Petition for review and has docketed the proceeding as D.P.U. 14-55/14-56.

The Proposed Line comprises two underground 115-kV line segments. The first line segment will intercept the Company’s existing underground 115-kV Line No. 329-530 at a point near its terminus at the Company’s existing North Cambridge 345/115-kV Substation, and extend less than one mile in Cambridge and Belmont along the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority’s (“MBTA”) adjacent rail corridor (the “MBTA Corridor”) to the new Flanders Road Substation, which will be located adjacent to the MBTA Corridor. The second segment will return in the same trench along the MBTA Corridor, completing the “loop” to the Company’s North Cambridge Substation where it will connect at the existing terminal position for Line No. 329-530.

The Proposed Line will be constructed by the Belmont Municipal Light Department (“BMLD”); the Flanders Road Substation will be constructed, owned and operated by the BMLD. After construction of these facilities, NSTAR Electric will purchase from BMLD the Proposed Line and the 115-kV transmission facilities located at the Flanders Road Substation. The Proposed Line and the Flanders Road Substation are intended to provide BMLD with a solution to its declared imminent need: (1) to provide additional firm supply for its growing customer load; and (2) to modernize and improve its aging distribution system.

The Department will review NSTAR’s plans to own, operate, and continue to use as constructed the Proposed Line to determine whether such plans are necessary, serve the public convenience and are consistent with the public interest, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72. The Department will determine whether the zoning exemption requested by NSTAR Electric for its operation and continued use as constructed of the NSTAR Electric 115-kV transmission facilities at the Flanders Road Substation is required and whether the proposed use of the land is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3. Although

information regarding the Flanders Road Substation is provided in the Section 72 Petition and Zoning Petition, BMLD's plans to construct and operate the Flanders Road Substation do not require Department approval.

The Department will conduct a public comment hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at the Community Room of the Chenery Middle School, located at 95 Washington Street, Belmont, Massachusetts 02478 to receive public comment and provide responses to questions about the Proposed Line and NSTAR Electric 115-kV transmission facilities.

Copies of the Company's Petitions are available on the Department's Website, www.mass.gov/dpu, under "DPU File Room," and in hard-copy format for public inspection at the offices of the Department, One South Station, Fifth Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. No later than fourteen (14) days before the public hearing, copies also will be available for public viewing at the Belmont Public Library, 336 Concord Avenue, Belmont, MA, 02478, and at two branches of the Cambridge Public Library: the Collins Branch, 64 Aberdeen Avenue, Cambridge, MA, 02138; and the Main Library, 449 Broadway, Cambridge, MA, 02138.

Any person who desires to submit written comments on the Company's Petitions may do so by filing an original and five (5) copies of such comments no later than the close of business (**5:00 p.m.**) on **Tuesday, July 22, 2014**, with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a petition to intervene or to participate in the proceeding with: Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110 no later than the close of business (**5:00 p.m.**) on **Tuesday, July 22, 2014**. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1). Receipt by the Department – not mailing or postmark – constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely unless good cause is shown for waiver pursuant to 220 CMR § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition filed pursuant to 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

A copy of any comments or petitions to participate or intervene must be filed with the Company's counsel, Catherine Keuthen, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110: ckeuthen@keeganwerlin.com.

A petition to intervene also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us, to the Hearing Officer at robert.j.shea@state.ma.us, and to the Administrative Assistant for the Siting Division at anne.mcmahon@state.ma.us; or (2) by CD-ROM. The text of the email or the CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 14-55/14-56); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title 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. Text responses should be written in Microsoft Word. Data or spread sheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. The Department strongly encourages filers to avoid submitting scanned files but will accept them for posting

when an alternative version does not exist in electronic format. All written pleadings or comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu> under "DPU File Room."

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

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