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Town of Stow Planning Board
Jesse Steadman, Town Planner
380 Great Road
Stow, MA 01775

Re: NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy EFSB 17-02/DPU 17-82/17-83

Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find a copy of a "Please Read" Notice and a Notice of Adjudication/Notice of Public Comment Hearings provided on behalf of NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy regarding the above-referenced proceeding before the Energy Facilities Siting Board.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


Kristin Reynolds

Paralegal

Enclosure

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
PLEASE READ

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (the “Company”) filed a petition (“Petition to Construct”) with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) requesting approval to construct and operate a new approximately 9-mile 115-kilovolt (“kV”) underground transmission line in Sudbury, Hudson, Stow and Marlborough, Massachusetts (the “New Line”). The Siting Board has designated this proceeding as EFSB 17-02/D.P.U. 17-82/17-83.

The Company’s petition includes two alternatives to the Company’s proposed Primary Route, the design of which is entirely underground construction. The first alternative is the Noticed Variation to the Primary Route, which would follow the same route as the Primary Route, but would be a combination overhead and underground transmission line design. The second alternative, known as the Noticed Alternative Route, consists of an underground line design within roadways for its entire length. Please see the map included in the attached legal notice for the location of each proposed route.

The attached legal notice describes the proposed transmission lines, their proposed location in more detail, and explains the opportunities for public participation in the review process. **Please read this notice carefully.** The Company also filed a petition seeking individual zoning exemptions and a comprehensive zoning exemption for the Project (“Zoning Petition”), and a petition to construct, operate, and maintain the transmission lines (“Section 72 Petition”). The hearings on the Zoning Petition and the Section 72 Petition have been consolidated with the hearings on the Petition to Construct.

The Siting Board is a state agency that will determine whether the transmission facilities can be constructed and whether the Zoning Petition and Section 72 Petition will be approved. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment at two Siting Board public comment hearings:

Thursday, May 25, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m.	Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Auditorium, 390 Lincoln Road, Sudbury
Thursday, June 1, 2017 beginning at 7:00 p.m.	Hudson High School Auditorium 69 Brigham Street, Hudson

At the public comment hearings, the Company will provide information on the proposed transmission facilities, and the Siting Board will present information on its review process and receive comments from members of the community. The public comment hearing is an important opportunity for the community to learn about the proposed transmission facilities and the Siting Board review process, and for the Siting Board to hear questions and concerns from the community. All comments are important to the Siting Board; anyone with an interest in the Project is encouraged to attend.

Individuals and groups affected by the Company’s petition who wish to be involved in the Siting Board 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 Thursday, June 15, 2017.** 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 Siting Board's review process, please feel free to call the Siting Board Presiding Officer, Stephen H. August, at (617) 305-3525. The Siting Board’s address is as follows: Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110.

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