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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

D.P.U. 15-85

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy
before the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3
for Exemptions from the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Woburn.

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 the provisions of G.L. c. 40A, § 3 seeking individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the operation of the *Zoning Ordinances of the City of Woburn*. The zoning exemptions are requested in connection with the Company's proposed modifications to an existing substation, Substation No. 211 (the "Woburn Substation" or "Substation") located off of Pond Street in Winchester and Woburn (the "Project"). The Woburn Substation is located on a split lot, 438,038 square feet of which is located in Woburn and 40,448 square feet of which is located in Winchester. The Substation itself (including the components proposed in connection with the Project) is located in Woburn, but road access is from Pond Street in Winchester. The petition has been docketed as D.P.U. 15-85. The Department will review the Project to determine whether it is necessary for the proposed purpose, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3.

The Department will conduct a public comment hearing at Woburn City Hall, City Council Chamber, 10 Common Street, Woburn, MA, on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment and provide responses to questions about the Project.

The proposed modifications at the Woburn Substation include the replacement of a 345/115-kilovolt ("kV") autotransformer; installation of an additional circuit breaker between two existing 345-kV transmission lines; and new connections for two other existing 345-kV transmission lines. The Project does not require any expansion of the existing fence line at the Substation. The Project is designed to provide a more secure and reliable supply of electricity to customers in the Greater Boston/Northeastern Massachusetts region, including the Woburn area.

A copy of the Company's Petition is available on the Department's Website, <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom#> (Please be sure to use one of the recommended browsers). Click on "Dockets/Filings." Select "Docket by Number." Enter docket number "15-85". The Company's Petition is also available in hard-copy format for public inspection at the offices of the Department, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. A copy also will be available for public viewing at the Woburn and Winchester public libraries, no later than fourteen days before the public hearing.

Any person who desires to submit written comments on the Company's Petition may do so by filing an original and two copies of such comments with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02110. An electronic copy of all comments should be sent by email to the following: (1) the Company's counsel, David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., at drosen@keeganwerlin.com; (2) the Department at dpu.efiling@state.ma.us; and (3) the Department's Hearing Officer in this proceeding, Stephen August, at stephen.august@state.ma.us.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file an original and two copies of its 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 **Wednesday, September 23, 2015**. 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 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to 220 C.M.R. 1.03(1) must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding.

A petition to intervene also should be submitted to the Department by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us, with a copy sent by email to drosen@keeganwerlin.com, and to stephen.august@state.ma.us. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 15-85); (2) 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. All written pleadings submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

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 address, telephone number, or email address set forth below:

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