

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 13-09

July 31, 2013

Investigation of the Department of Public Utilities, on its own motion, instituting a Rulemaking pursuant to Acts of 2012, c. 216, § 7; G.L. c. 30A, § 2; and 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq., pertaining to Notification of Vegetation Maintenance Activities for Transmission Rights-of-Way.

On July 31, 2013, the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") issued an Order instituting a rulemaking proceeding, pursuant to G.L. 30A, § 2; 220 C.M.R. § 2.00 et seq. and Acts of 2012, c. 216, § 7. The Department commences this rulemaking, for the purpose of promulgating new regulations, 220 C.M.R. § 22.00 et seq.: Notification of Vegetation Maintenance Activities for Transmission Rights-of-Way.

Chapter 216 of the Acts of 2012, An Act Relative to the Emergency Service Response of Public Utility Companies, directs the Department to establish rules and regulations pertaining to notification by transmission companies of vegetation maintenance activities for transmission rights-of-way.

The Department's Order and proposed regulations are available for public inspection at the Department's offices during regular business hours. In addition, electronic copies of the documents are posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

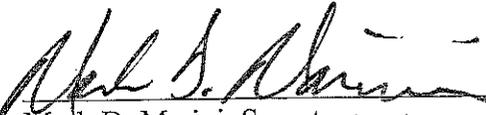
The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed regulations. The hearing will take place on **Tuesday, September 17, 2013**, beginning at 2:00 p.m., at the Department's offices, 5th Floor, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts. Any person interested in commenting on this matter may appear at the public hearing or submit written comments to the Department no later than 5:00 p.m., **Tuesday, September 10, 2013**. Written reply comments must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 24, 2013**.

All written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Please file one (1) original and two (2) copies and direct one copy to Jessica Buno, Hearing Officer. All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by email attachment to dpu.efiling@state.ma.us and jessica.buno@state.ma.us or (2) on CD-ROM. The text of the email or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 13-09); (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. The

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By Order of the Department,



Mark D. Marini, Secretary