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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
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D.P.U. 13- 86

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company before the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, for Approval to Construct and Operate Two New 115 kV Underground Transmission Lines in South Boston.

Notice is hereby given that NSTAR Electric Company ("NSTAR Electric" or "the Company") has filed with the Department of Public Utilities (the "Department") a petition seeking approval to construct and operate two new 115 kV underground transmission lines in South Boston (the "Project") pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, and docketed as D.P.U. 13-86 (the "Section 72 Petition"). The Department will review the Project to determine whether the Project is necessary for the proposed purpose, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72. The Department will also consider whether the Project will have impacts on the neighborhood and, if there will be impacts, whether to impose conditions upon the Project's construction to mitigate the impacts.

The Department will conduct a public comment hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2013, at the Joseph Tynan Elementary School, 650 E. 4th Street, Boston, MA 02127, to receive public comment and provide responses to questions about the Project.

The Project involves the construction of two new underground 115 kV pipe-type cable ("PTC") transmission lines in South Boston. The proposed transmission lines would begin at an existing vault location in the vegetated strip of the Columbia Road layout just west of G Street. The lines would end inside K Street Substation, which is located at the corner of K Street and Power House Street, and is set to the north of East First Street and to the west and south of Summer Street. The Project will result in four lines running from Columbia Road to the K Street Substation, as there are currently two such cables. At Columbia Road, the two newly installed lines to K Street Substation will be connected to existing underground cables from the Company's Andrew Square Substation; the two existing cables to K Street Substation will connect only to the Company's Dewar Street Substation. The Company states that the new lines are required to reliably serve increasing electric load in the area served by the Dewar Street and Andrew Square substations.

The route of the proposed PTCs starts in the median of Columbia Road just west of G Street. The route then proceeds easterly in the vegetated strip of Columbia Road to H Street where the route turns north to the intersection of H Street and East Second Street. The route turns east to the intersection of East Second Street and K Street, then north along K Street across East First Street and into the K Street Substation. The total length of the new transmission corridor created by the Project from Columbia Road to the boundary of the K Street Substation parcel connection

point at Columbia Road, is approximately 4,930 feet. The Company expects to construct the Project during the spring, summer, and fall of 2014.

A copy of the Company's Petition is available on the Department's Website, www.mass.gov/dpu and 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 South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library, 646 East Broadway Street, South Boston, MA 02127, no later than fourteen (14) 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 five (5) copies of such comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on October 14, 2013, 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 October 14, 2013. 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.

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 and the Hearing Officer at Kathryn.Sedor@state.ma.us; or (2) CD-ROM. The text of the email or the CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 13-86); (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. 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.

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 or telephone number below:

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