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Petition of NSTAR Electric Company before the Department of Public Utilities pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956 for Exemptions from the Boston Zoning Code and Approval Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72

On August 9, 2013, NSTAR Electric Company (the "Company") filed with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") a petition requesting that the Department: (1) grant individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the operation of the Boston Zoning Code, pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956 (the "Zoning Petition"); and (2) approve the construction of two new looped transmission lines pursuant to G.L. c. 164, Section 72) (together, the "Petition"). These authorizations are needed in connection with the Company's proposal to construct and operate a new transmission switching station and distribution substation on Electric Avenue in the North Brighton neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts ("Electric Avenue Station") and the construction of new sections of 115 kilovolt ("kV") underground transmission lines to connect existing facilities of the Company with the Electric Avenue Station (together, the "Project"). The Company will also be constructing underground distribution lines exiting from the Electric Avenue Station. The Department has consolidated the Company's Zoning Petition and Section 72 Petition for review and docketed the proceeding as D.P.U. 13-126/13-127.

*The Department will conduct a public comment hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Project at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2013, at Jackson/Mann Community Center, 500 Cambridge Street, Allston, MA 02134.* At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the proposed Project. Public officials and the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments concerning the Project. 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, Boston, MA 02110 no later than the close of business (**5:00 p.m.) on October 17, 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. In addition, 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 Thursday, October 17, 2013,** with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110.

The Department will review the Project, pursuant to Section 72, to determine whether the Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest. The Department will also review the Project to determine whether the zoning exemptions are required and whether the proposed use of the land or structure is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public, pursuant to Section 6 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956.

The new Electric Avenue Station will be constructed on Company-owned property on Electric Avenue. The new station will be equipped with 115kV/13.8 kV transformers, shielded by 34-foot high barriers, and will also include switches and other electrical equipment. The Station and the installation of the new transmission and distribution lines are intended to support the new load requirements in the area as well as ensure the regional reliability needs and performance of the local 115 kV transmission system within this area.

The new substation would be connected to the 115 kV electrical grid with two pairs of underground pipe-type cable ("PTC") transmission lines connecting to existing 115 kV lines 282-520 and 282-521, which run between the Brighton and Waltham Stations in the Company's system. The section of each line coming from Brighton Station will be spliced in two manholes in the Leo M. Birmingham Parkway and will extend approximately 1,100 feet via Goodenough Street. The section of each line coming from Waltham Station will be spliced in two manholes in North Beacon Street and will extend approximately 1,800 feet via Parsons Street.

A copy of the Company's Petition is available on the Department's Website, [www.mass.gov/dpu](http://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 Brighton Branch of the Boston Public Library; 40 Academy Hill Road, Brighton, MA 02135, no later than fourteen days before the public hearing.

A copy of any **comments** or **petitions** to participate or intervene must be filed with the Company's counsel, David S. Rosenzweig, 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](mailto:dpu.efiling@state.ma.us) and Presiding Officer at [Stephen.August@state.ma.us](mailto:Stephen.August@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. 13-126/13-127); (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. In addition, if the Petitioner, applicant or any other participant has already filed a document relevant to this

proceeding, such as the initial petition, without providing an electronic copy of that document, such entity is directed to do so in compliance with the above electronic filing requirements as soon as possible. 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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