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

On November 15, 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 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 substation on a parcel of land owned by the Company on Seafood Way in South Boston, Massachusetts ("Seafood Way Substation" or "Substation") and to loop two of its existing 115-kV transmission lines from Northern Avenue to the new Substation (together, the "Project"). The Department has consolidated the Company's Zoning Petition and Section 72 Petition for review and docketed the proceeding as D.P.U. 13-177/D.P.U. 13-178.

The Department will conduct a public comment hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Project at 7 PM on Tuesday, JANUARY 7, 2014, at the Department of Public Utilities, 5th Floor, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110. 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 **JANUARY 21, 2014**. 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 **JANUARY 21, 2014**, 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 Seafood Way Substation will be constructed on Company-owned property at the intersection of Seafood Way and FID Kennedy Avenue in South Boston. The new Substation will be equipped with 115kV/14 kV transformers, switches, and other electrical equipment. The Substation, the new looped transmission lines, as well as installation of new distribution lines from the Substation are together intended to support the new load requirements in the South Boston/Seaport District.

To interconnect the new Seafood Way Substation with the Company's existing transmission system, the Company will connect to two of its existing 115-kV transmission lines with approximately 1,095-foot loop lines. Each loop line will consist of oil-filled pipe-type cable extending easterly from the Northern Avenue traffic circle, crossing over the Ted Williams Tunnel to the new Substation.

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, South Boston, 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 and Presiding Officer at james.a.buckley@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. 13-177/D.P.U. 13-178); (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 spreadsheet 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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