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Andrew Greene, Director
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station, 3rd Floor
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Re: NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, EFSB 26-xx

Dear Mr. Greene:

I am writing today on behalf of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) to provide you with notice of Eversource’s intent to file an application with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board”) pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69T (“Section 69T”) and G.L. c. 40A, § 3, seeking a consolidated permit consisting of all state and local approvals necessary to facilitate the construction of Eversource’s Burlington Energy Project (the “Project”). Section 69T was established by Section 74 of An Act Promoting a Clean Energy Grid, Advancing Equity and Protecting Ratepayers, St. 2024, c. 239 (“2024 Climate Act”). Section 69T and related provisions from the 2024 Climate Act create a new consolidated permit process by which the Siting Board has the authority to issue all necessary local, regional, and state permits and approvals for certain clean energy infrastructure facilities (“CEIFs”) such as the Project. Under the 2024 Climate Act and the Siting Board’s regulations, a “Consolidated Permit” represents “a composite of all individual permits, approvals or authorizations that would otherwise be necessary for the construction and operation of” the subject CEIF. G.L. c. 164, § 69T(i); see 980 CMR 13.10(1) (“If approved, the [Siting] Board shall issue an EFSB Consolidated Permit in the form of a composite of all individual Permits otherwise necessary” to construct a CEIF).¹

To implement the provisions of the 2024 Climate Act, the Siting Board has developed a variety of new regulations, including 980 CMR 13.00 (Consolidated Permits for Clean Energy Infrastructure Facilities) and 980 CMR 16.00 (Pre-Filing Consultation and Engagement Requirements). In accordance with the Siting Board’s specific requirements stated in its regulations at 980 CMR 16.10, Eversource is providing this Pre-Filing Notice of Intent to File

¹ The Siting Board’s regulations define “Permit” as a “municipal, regional, or state permit, authorization, determination, license, or approval that would otherwise be individually required to construct and operate a CEIF Project, absent an EFSB Consolidated Permit.” 980 CMR 1.01(4). A “Consolidated Permit” is a permit “issued by the [Siting] Board for an LCEIF or a SCEIF that includes all municipal, regional, and state permits that the LCEIF or SCEIF would otherwise need to obtain individually, with the exception of certain federal permits that are delegated to specific state agencies as determined by the [Siting] Board.” Id.

Application (the “Notice”) with the Siting Board, the Division of Public Participation (“DPP”) of the Department of Public Utilities (“DPU”), and each state and local permitting agency with which Eversource has consulted to date concerning the Project (980 CMR 16.10(1), (3)).² This Notice includes the basic Project details such as a plain language Project summary, Project name, a location map, the anticipated Project filing date, a link to the main Project webpage, and other supporting information as appropriate.³ 980 CMR 16.10(3).

- Project Details

The Project involves construction of: (1) a new 115/13.8 kilovolt (“kV”) substation (the “New Substation”) located on Eversource-owned property adjacent to the intersection of existing rights-of-way (“ROW”) 9 and 5 in Burlington, Massachusetts; (2) two new approximately 2.6-mile, 115-kV overhead transmission lines with optical ground wire (“OPGW”) (the “New Transmission Lines”) within existing ROW 9 in the communities of Burlington, Wilmington, and Woburn; and (3) approximately 12.7 miles of underground distribution lines (the “New Distribution Lines”) within existing public roadways in Burlington and Woburn.⁴ A figure illustrating the Project is provided as Attachment A.

The Project is needed to provide increased capacity to address current and projected substation overloads and to support economic development and load growth in the Project area within the communities of Burlington, Wilmington, and Woburn. Eversource considered a variety of potential alternatives to the Project. Specifically, the Company considered various wires alternatives, including different potential locations for the proposed new infrastructure and advanced transmission technologies, as well as a number of non-wires alternatives, such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, battery storage, and conventional generation. To evaluate different potential locations, the Company undertook a thorough and iterative route and site selection process. As will be demonstrated in the Company’s forthcoming application, the Project

² On this date and under separate cover, Eversource is also submitting: (1) letters to each of the individual state and local permitting authorities with a status update regarding draft applications and draft permits with recommended permit conditions for applicable state and local permits and approvals that would otherwise need to be obtained individually to be included in Eversource’s Consolidated Permit Application (“Draft Permits”) (980 CMR 16.10(2)); and (2) the Pre-Filing Engagement Completion Checklist, with supporting documentation, to the DPP, the Siting Board, and relevant state and local permitting authorities (980 CMR 16.10(4)(a)). With respect to the Draft Permits, the Company is in varying states of discussion with each of the state and local permitting authorities, as was anticipated as the new regulations and process were developed and as is necessary for meaningful engagement prior to filing an application. Eversource is committed to ongoing engagement with each permitting authority with a goal of developing a mutually agreeable set of draft permits, with appropriate and customary conditions, for submission to the Siting Board for its review as part of the consolidated permitting process that is applicable to the Project.

³ In accordance with 980 CMR 16.10(1), this Notice is being posted on the Project website and will be available in Spanish and Portuguese, consistent with the Siting Board’s Language Access Plan. In addition, the Company is emailing this Notice to persons on the Project email distribution list and relevant Key Stakeholders.

⁴ The Project also includes the reconfiguration of existing 115-kV infrastructure by splitting two tap lines on ROW 9 from the main lines on ROW 5 and connecting them into the proposed New Substation.

represents the solution that, on balance, best meets the urgent capacity and reliability needs, is consistent with relevant state policies, minimizes environmental and community impacts, and minimizes costs.

- Applicable State and Municipal Permits

Table 1, below, contains the list of state and local permits that would be otherwise required for the Project, which Eversource anticipates including in its request for a Consolidated Permit from the Siting Board pursuant to Section 69T:

Table 1: Contents of Requested Consolidated Permit

Permit	Permitting Agency
Notice of Intent / Order of Conditions	Woburn Conservation Commission
Notice of Intent / Order of Conditions	Wilmington Conservation Commission
Notice of Intent / Order of Conditions	Burlington Conservation Commission
Stormwater Permit	Burlington Conservation Commission
Earth Moving Permit	Burlington Select Board
Grant of Location	Burlington Select Board
Grant of Location	Wilmington Select Board
Grant of Location	Woburn City Council
Street Opening Permit	Burlington Department of Public Works
Water Connection Permit	Burlington Department of Public Works
Building Permit	Burlington Building Department
Septic Permit – Title V, and Groundwater Well Permit	Burlington Board of Health
Street Opening Permit	Woburn Department of Public Works
401 Water Quality Certification	MA Department of Environmental Protection

Permit	Permitting Agency
Highway Access Permits	MA Department of Transportation

- Project Pre-Filing Engagement

In advance of the filing of this Notice, Eversource has undertaken a robust, multi-year pre-filing stakeholder engagement process, consistent with Eversource’s historical practices, as well as the new requirements pursuant to the 2024 Climate Act and the Siting Board’s implementing regulations at 980 CMR 16. There are several ways that stakeholders may contact the Company regarding the Project and to stay informed concerning its status:

- **Transmission Hotline:** 1-833-836-0302
- **Project Email:** ProjectInfoma@eversource.com
- **Project Webpage:** Eversource.com/Burlington-Energy-Project
- **Feedback Loop:** Available on the Project Webpage
- **Email Updates:** bit.ly/ESBurl
- **Comment Form:** bit.ly/ESBurlComment

Since 2021, Project team representatives have held over 160 meetings with a variety of stakeholders. The input received from these meetings has informed Eversource’s understanding of the issues of concern to community members and influenced the Company’s design of the Project, including related mitigation initiatives. Among the many meetings held by the Company, Eversource representatives have met with:

- (1) the DPP and the Office of Environmental Justice & Equity (“OEJE”), which is housed in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (“EEA”) on May 8, 2026;
- (2) the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (“MEPA”) Office and relevant state permitting agencies, including the Energy Facilities Siting Board, Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on May 29, 2026; and
- (3) each of the relevant local permitting agencies listed in Table 1, above, and other municipal representatives in Burlington, Wilmington, and Woburn.

In addition, Eversource has held two hybrid public meetings regarding the Project, the first on July 30, 2026, in Woburn, and the second on September 24, 2026, in Burlington.⁵ Further information documenting the Company’s compliance with the extensive pre-filing engagement requirements is being provided under separate cover with the Company’s Pre-Filing Engagement Completion Checklist.

⁵ The Company held an initial hybrid public meeting in Burlington on June 24, 2026; however, due to technical difficulties that affected the ability of online participants to fully participate in the meeting, the Company elected to host an additional public meeting in Burlington on September 24th.

- Anticipated Section 69T Application Filing Date

Eversource anticipates filing its Consolidated Permit Application within the 60 to 90 day window established by the Siting Board's regulations at 980 CMR 16.04(1)(h). Based on today's date for this Notice, the Company anticipates filing its application on December 28, 2026 but no later than January 27, 2027. Between now and throughout the Siting Board's review process, Eversource will continue to engage meaningfully with relevant stakeholders, including the various state and local permitting authorities that would otherwise have jurisdiction over the Draft Permits that Eversource will be seeking to have included in the Consolidated Permit granted by the Siting Board.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing or require any additional information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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