

Project Map – Somerville Routes

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD/DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING


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NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

You have received this Notice as your residence or business is near the proposed Eversource facilities that will be reviewed by the Energy Facilities Siting Board. Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §§ 69J, 72, NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”), located at 247 Station Drive, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090, has filed two related petitions with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) and the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) in connection with the Company’s proposal to construct, operate and maintain: (1) eight new 115-kilovolt (“kV”) underground transmission lines that will be housed in a total of five new duct banks, totaling approximately 8.3 miles, in portions of Cambridge, Somerville and the Allston/Brighton area of Boston (the “New Lines”); (2) a new 115/14-kV substation, which will be located in an underground vault on a property between Broadway and Binney Streets in Cambridge (the “New Substation”); and (3) modifications to certain existing substation facilities in Cambridge, Somerville, and Allston/Brighton, collectively referred to as the Greater Cambridge Energy Program, or the “Project.”

On September 9, 2022, Eversource filed to request the Siting Board review an additional proposed route, a **potential hybrid alternative route through Cambridge and Somerville to connect the proposed New Substation with the Company’s existing Somerville Substation. This new alternative route is referred to as the Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15**, a potential alternative to the previously-noticed Proposed Route S1A (Hampshire Street/D2 Site) and Route Variation S1, and the Noticed Alternative Route S11C (Grand Junction RR Multi-Use Pathway). Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 as shown on the attached map anticipates the changes in plans for the future alignment of South Street east of Columbia Street. To reflect potential emerging plans for re-development of the area, the Company has presented two variations to Noticed Hybrid Alternative Route S15 in this supplemental public notice.

The Siting Board will conduct a second remote public comment hearing regarding the Project using Zoom videoconferencing on November 10, 2022, at 6:00 pm. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83646572343> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **1 646 558 8656 (not toll free)** and then enter the Webinar ID: 83646572343. **Any additional updates will be posted on the Siting Board’s website at:** <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/greater-cambridge-energy-project>.

If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public comment hearing, please send an email to geneen.bartley@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address by November 10, 2022. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message at (617) 305-3529 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by November 10, 2022. Additional commenters may be allowed during the public comment hearing, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer. Simultaneous English-to-Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese (Mandarin), and Haitian Creole interpretation will be provided at the public comment hearing on Zoom. All attendees should select their preferred language to hear the Interpreter translate into that language. Press the globe icon  and then choose the desired language. Additional interpretation services are available upon request by email to Donna.Sharkey@mass.gov. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request to Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov.

The Siting Board will accept written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by November 25, 2022. Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding beyond providing comments may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format, by email or email attachment, to dpu.efiling@mass.gov, to donna.sharkey@mass.gov and to drosen@keeganwerlin.com no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **November 25, 2022**.

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