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Mark D. Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, D.P.U. 19-142/19-143

Dear Mr. Marini,

Enclosed are an original and five (5) copies each of two petitions filed by NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”):

- (1) Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Approval to Construct and Operate a New, 115-kilovolt (“kV”) Overhead Transmission Line Through Bourne, Sandwich and Barnstable, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72 (“Section 72 Petition”); and
- (2) Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for Individual and Comprehensive Zoning Exemptions from the *Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Barnstable*, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3 (the “Zoning Petition”).

Each Petition is in connection with the construction and operation of a new, approximately 12.5-mile, overhead 115-kV electric transmission line (the “New Line”) along existing Eversource right-of-way (“ROW”) between Eversource’s Bourne Switching Station and West Barnstable Substation. The proposed New Line, which will travel through Bourne, Sandwich, and Barnstable, and the related station improvements comprise the proposed project (the “Mid Cape Reliability Project” or the “Project”).

Also, on this date, the Company is filing with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board”) a petition for approval to construct, operate and maintain the Project under G.L. c. 164, § 69J (the “Section 69J Petition”), which has been docketed as EFSB 19-06. The Section 69J Petition, in combination with the Section 72 Petition and the Zoning Petition filed herewith, demonstrates that, consistent with G.L. c. 164 § 72, the Project is needed, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest. Furthermore, consistent with G.L. c. 40A, § 3, the Project is reasonably necessary for the convenience and welfare of the public.

In order to ensure a coordinated and timely review of the interrelated petitions, the Company requests that: (1) the Chair of the Department refer to the Siting Board the Section 72 Petition and the Zoning Petition; (2) the Siting Board accept for review the Section 72 Petition and the Zoning Petition; and (3) the review of all three petitions be consolidated into one proceeding. Accordingly, enclosed is a Motion to Refer the Section 72 Petition and the Zoning Petition to the Siting Board for a consolidated review with the Company's Section 69J Petition.

Notices of Appearance of Counsel are being filed with the Section 69J Petition. In addition to the Section 72 Petition and the Zoning Petition, the Company is providing the following herewith:¹

- Completed Section 72 Checklist and completed Checklist for Filing Zoning Exemption; and
- Filing fee of \$200 (i.e., \$100.00 for each Petition).

The Company has forwarded a copy of the Petitions to the Towns of Bourne, Sandwich and Barnstable.

Please date stamp a copy of this letter and return it to the messenger for our files. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



David S. Rosenzweig

Enclosures

cc: Shane Early, General Counsel, Department of Public Utilities (w/out att.)
Andrew Greene, Executive Director, Energy Facilities Siting Board (with att.)
Joan Foster Evans, General Counsel, Energy Facilities Siting Board (w/out att.)

¹ A consolidated Draft Notice of Public Hearing (hard copy and electronic version in MS Word format), is being provided with the Company's Section 69J Petition and is premised on the expectation that the review of the Section 72 Petition and the Zoning Petition will be referred to the Siting Board and consolidated with the Section 69J Petition for review.