



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

July 31, 2000

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to provide legal representation at the hearing on the proposed construction of a new underground transmission line in the city (as attached) and further to devise a means to let affected neighborhoods to be apprised of this public hearing.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE READ

Cambridge Electric Light Company is proposing to construct and operate a new 2.5 mile long, 115 kilovolt ("kV") underground transmission line in the city of Cambridge. The attached legal notice describes the proposed plant and its proposed location in more detail, and explains the opportunities for public participation in the review process. **Please read this notice carefully.**

The Energy Facilities Siting Board is a state agency that will determine whether the transmission line can be constructed. As a first step in its review, the Siting Board will hold a public hearing on August 3, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Auditorium of the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, 55 Broadway, Cambridge, MA. At the public hearing, the Company will present information on the new transmission line, and the Siting Board will present information on its review process and receive comments and questions from members of the community. The public hearing is an important opportunity for the community to learn about the proposed transmission line and the Siting Board review process, and for the Siting Board to hear questions and concerns from the community. All comments are important to the Siting Board; anyone with an interest in the transmission line is encouraged to attend.

Individuals and groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board review may request to participate as either intervenors or interested persons. Such requests must meet the criteria outlined in the attached legal notice. **The deadline to make such a request is 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2000.** The process for making a request to participate is explained in the legal notice. Questions concerning participation also will be answered at the public hearing.

Copies of the Company's proposal are on file at Cambridge Electric's office at 800 Boylston Street, 17th Floor, Boston, MA; the Cambridge City Clerk's office at 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge; and the Cambridge Public Library, 449 Broadway, Cambridge.

If you have any questions about the Siting Board's review process, please feel free to call the Hearing Officer, Sheila McIntyre, at (617) 305-3525.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD
NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CAMBRIDGE ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that Cambridge Electric Light Company ("Cambridge Electric"), 800 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02199, has filed with the Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") a Petition for Approval of the Construction of a New, Underground 115 kV Transmission Line ("Petition"), requesting approval of its proposal to construct and operate a new 2.5 mile long, 115 kilovolt ("kV") underground transmission line in the city of Cambridge. Cambridge Electric has also filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") (i) a Petition for a Determination that a Proposed Transmission Line is Necessary and Will Serve the Public Convenience and be Consistent with the Public Interest and (ii) a Petition under the Provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, § 3 for Exemption of a Proposed Transmission Line from Zoning By-Laws of the City of Cambridge. Cambridge Electric has proposed alternative routes and route segments for the proposed transmission line.

The Siting Board will review Cambridge Electric's filing to determine whether Cambridge Electric's proposed transmission line is necessary to provide electric service "with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost" (G.L. c. 164, § 69H). The Siting Board will review the proposed facilities to determine whether (1) the proposed construction of the transmission line is necessary and will serve the public convenience and be consistent with the public interest (G.L. c. 164, § 72) and (2) the proposed construction of the transmission line is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public (G.L. c. 40A, § 3).

The Siting Board and Department will conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed transmission line. The public hearing will be held on August 3, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Auditorium of the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, 55 Broadway, Cambridge, MA.

Preferred Route

The proposed route for the transmission line originates at the site of the existing Kendall Square Station, in a new switchyard to be built to support Southern Energy Kendall, LLC's Kendall Square Station Equipment Upgrade Project, and proceeds through city streets in Cambridge to Cambridge Electric's existing Putnam Bulk Substation. From the Kendall Station site, the route turns west onto Athenaeum Street Extension and crosses Third Street to cross over private property owned by Commonwealth Gas Company in order to reach Fifth Street where the route turns north and subsequently crosses US Department of Transportation property to reach

Binney Street. A variation to this segment begins at the Kendall Station site, turning east onto Athenaeum Street Extension and then north onto Second Street, continuing to Binney Street where the route turns west onto Binney Street.

The route then heads west on Binney Street curving south onto Galileo Galilei Way (also known as the Western Connector), crossing Main Street to reach Vassar Street. The route follows Vassar Street to a point near Amherst Street. At this point, the route turns westerly across a parking lot owned by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and crosses under the railroad tracks to Talbot Street, then following Talbot Street and turning south onto Waverly Street to Putnam Avenue. A variation to this segment follows Vassar Street further to a point near Cambridge Electric's Vassar Street Substation located between Audrey Street and Amesbury Street where the route crosses a corner of the MIT Learning Center, then the Company's substation yard. This variation then crosses a narrow strip of land owned by Lyme Properties, crosses under the railroad tracks, then crosses a parking lot owned by MIT to reach the intersection of Waverly Street and Putnam Avenue.

The preferred route follows Putnam Avenue to the intersection of Pleasant Street where it crosses to terminate at Cambridge Electric's Putnam Bulk Substation.

Alternate Route

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The alternate route continues on Broadway to the intersection with Windsor Street where the route turns south, crossing along State Street to cross Massachusetts Avenue diagonally to reach Sidney Street. The route heads along Sidney Street to the intersection with Putnam Avenue where it follows the remainder of the preferred route along Putnam Avenue to Cambridge Electric's Putnam Bulk Substation.

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Senior Counsel, NSTAR Services Company, 800 Boylston Street, P170, Boston, Massachusetts
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Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice may contact the Hearing
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