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July 12, 2000

The Honorable Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.
State House, Room 39
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Toomey:

As you may be aware, Cambridge Electric Light Company ("CELCo") has proposed to construct a 2.5 mile, 115-kV underground electric transmission line in the City of Cambridge. The proposed transmission line would connect Southern Energy Kendall, LLC's ("Southern") Kendall Station on First Street in Cambridge with CELCo's Putnam Substation on Putnam Avenue in Cambridge, in order to accommodate Southern's proposed expansion of its generation facilities at Kendall Station. The Kendall Station expansion is the subject of a separate Siting Board proceeding (EFSB 99-4). CELCo has proposed preferred and alternative routes all lying primarily within city streets; these routes are further described in the attached notice.

One function of the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") is to review proposals for the construction of energy facilities such as the transmission line proposed by CELCo. The Siting Board is charged by statute with determining whether such a facility will provide a reliable energy supply for the Commonwealth with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost. The Siting Board's approval is required before construction permits may be issued by other state or local authorities.

On August 3, 2000, the Siting Board will conduct a public informational hearing in Cambridge in order to provide the public with information regarding the proposed transmission line and to afford parties the opportunity to comment on the proposal. I have enclosed a copy of the legal notice announcing the public hearing as well as a memorandum describing the Siting Board and its role in this case.

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The Siting Board welcomes your appearance and input at the public hearing. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Sheila McIntyre, the Hearing Officer in this case, at 305-3525.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diedre Shupp Matthews".

Diedre Shupp Matthews
Director

Enclosures

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

EFSB 00-1
D.T.E. 00-55
D.T.E. 00-56

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

An alternate route for the transmission line originates at the Kendall Station site and is identical to the preferred route to the intersection of Binney Street and Broadway. At Broadway, the alternate route turns northwest onto Broadway, crosses under the railroad tracks and continues on Broadway to Cardinal Medeiros Avenue. A variation to this segment originates at the Kendall Station site, follows the preferred route to the intersection of Binney Street and Galileo Galilei Way, then continues on Binney Street, under the railroad tracks, to Cardinal Medeiros Avenue where the variation turns south to Broadway.

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.

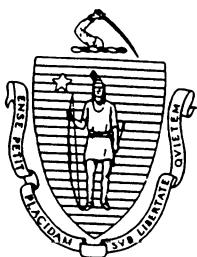
Copies of Cambridge Electric's Petition are available for public inspection at the Siting Board's office at the address below; at Cambridge Electric's office at 800 Boylston Street, 17th Floor, Boston, MA; the Cambridge City Clerk's office at 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge; and the Cambridge Public Library, 449 Broadway, Cambridge.

Any person interested in intervening as a party or participating as an interested person in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Hearing Officer on or before August 17, 2000. Petitions should be filed in accordance with 980 Code of Massachusetts Regulations 1.05 and must be received by the Hearing Officer on or before 5:00 p.m. on the August 17, 2000 intervention deadline. A copy of such written petition must also be sent to Mary E. Grover,

Senior Counsel, NSTAR Services Company, 800 Boylston Street, P170, Boston, Massachusetts 02199.

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice may contact the Hearing Officer at the address below.

Sheila R. McIntyre, Hearing Officer
Energy Facilities Siting Board
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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons

From: Sheila R. McIntyre, Hearing Officer *SKM*

Date: July 11, 2000

Re: Cambridge Electric Light Company, EFSB 00-1, D.T.E. 00-55, and D.T.E. 00-56,
Public Hearing on Proposed Construction of a 115 kV Transmission Line

On August 3, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, 55 Broadway, Cambridge, MA the Energy Facilities Siting Board ("Siting Board") will conduct a Public Hearing on the proposal of Cambridge Electric Light Company ("Cambridge Electric") to construct and operate an approximately 2.5 mile-long, underground 115 kilovolt ("kV") electric transmission line in the city of Cambridge. This Public Hearing is the first step in the Siting Board's review of the Cambridge Electric proposal.

In addition to providing notice of the Public Hearing, this Memorandum is intended to provide interested persons with some background on the Siting Board process.

The Siting Board is an administrative agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Siting Board has nine members. The Chairman is the Chairman of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"). The Siting Board's membership also includes two additional Commissioners of the Department, the Director of Economic Development, the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, the Commissioner of the Division of Energy Resources and three public members appointed by the Governor.

One of the principal functions of the Siting Board is to review proposals for the construction of energy facilities, such as the proposed construction by Cambridge Electric of a 115 kV transmission line. Before the Siting Board can reach a decision regarding the construction of an energy facility, it must determine whether the facility 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's approval is required before construction permits may be issued by other state authorities.

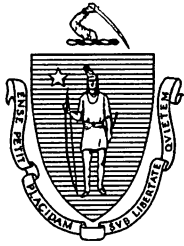
The Siting Board will also review the proposed facilities to determine whether (1) the proposed construction of the transmission line is necessary and will serve the public convenience and be consistent with the public interest (G.L. c. 164, § 72) and (2) the proposed construction of the transmission line is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public (G.L. c. 40A, § 3).

The Siting Board's regulations require it to hold a public hearing in the locality of a proposed energy facility in order to provide the public with information regarding the proposed facilities, and to afford parties the opportunity to comment on the proposal. The enclosed Notice was forwarded to Cambridge Electric for publication in local newspapers, specified mailing and posting prior to the public hearing. The Notice contains information on the location and time of the hearing, and more detailed information on the location of the proposed facility.

Following the public hearing, the Siting Board will proceed with a comprehensive adjudication process before issuing a decision in this matter. Any person may file a petition to intervene as a party or to participate as an interested person in this proceeding. To be allowed, a petition to intervene in the proceeding must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10, i.e., it must show how the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by the proceeding.

The Siting Board is committed to a full public discussion of the proposed facilities and will be happy to receive written comments at the address below.

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ROOM 39, STATE HOUSE

July 13, 2000

Margaret Drury, City Clerk
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge MA 02139

Dear Madam Clerk:

Attached please find the following correspondence from Diedre Shupp Matthews, Director of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board, regarding a public hearing on August 3, 2000. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss a proposed underground electric transmission line that will connect the Kendall Station on First Street to the Putnam substation on Putnam Avenue. Would you kindly add this correspondence to the agenda for the next meeting of the City Council.

I hope that the City Council finds this Correspondence informative.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Timothy J Toomey, Jr.

Comm. & Rpts. Other Officers #2

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A communication was received from Councillor Toomey, regarding a public hearing to discuss a proposed underground electric transmission line that will connect the Kendall Station on First Street to the Putman substation on Putnam Avenue.

In City Concil July 31, 2000

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