

December 4, 2015

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Mr. Robert J. Shea Presiding Officer Energy Facilities Siting Board One South Station Boston, MA 02110 (617) 305-3514

Re: Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy

New England Power Company, d/b/a National Grid, EFSB 15-04/D.P.U. 15-140/15-141

Dear Mr. Shea:

In accordance with the October 20, 2015 Notice of Adjudication and Notice of Public Comment Hearings and the applicable regulations, the ISO submits with this cover letter an original and ten copies of the Petition to Intervene Out of Time of ISO New England Inc. in the above-captioned proceeding. The ISO is also submitting this Petition to Intervene by electronic filing. This Petition to Intervene is being filed past the noticed date of December 2, 2015 due to an administrative oversight. Counsel for Eversource Energy and National Grid have authorized me to state that they do not oppose this petition.

Sincerely,

Theodore J. Paradise, Esq.

Enclosure

cc: David Rosenzweig, Esq.

Service List

Addressees Provided on Petitions to Intervene Posted in the Above-Captioned Dockets

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD

Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a)	
Eversource Energy and New England Power)	
Company d/b/a National Grid for Approval)	EFSB 15-04; D.P.U. 15-140/15-141
to Construct and Maintain a New 345-kV)	
Underground Transmission Line in Woburn,)	
Winchester, Stoneham and Wakefield)	
Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J		

PETITION OF ISO NEW ENGLAND INC. FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OUT OF TIME AS A PARTY

Pursuant to 980 C.M.R. 1.05(1) and 220 C.M.R. 1.03, ISO New England Inc. (the "ISO") hereby petitions the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the "EFSB") for leave to intervene out of time as a party in the above proceedings, stating in support thereof the following:

organization ("RTO") for New England. The ISO plans and operates the New England bulk power system and administers New England's organized wholesale electricity market pursuant to the ISO New England Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff, the Transmission Operating Agreement with the New England Participating Transmission Owners, and according to reliability standards established by the Northeast Power Coordinating Council and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. The ISO is requesting intervenor status in the above-captioned proceeding because it has substantial interests that may be affected by the proceeding. The ISO is responsible for the day-to-day reliable operation of the New England region's bulk electric generation and transmission system and is charged by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to plan for and ensure a reliable bulk power system for New England. The outcome of this proceeding will significantly affect the reliability of the electric system in New England, and the ISO therefore has significant interests at stake in this proceeding.

- 2. On September 25, 2015, NSTAR Electric Company, d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource"), and New England Power Company, d/b/a National Grid (together with Eversource, the "Companies"), filed a petition with the EFSB, and two petitons with the Department of Public Utilities in connection with the Companies' proposal to construct and operate a new 8.53- mile, 345-kilovolt ("kV") underground transmission line in Woburn, Winchester, Stoneham and Wakefield (the "New Line", and to modify two existing substations (Eversource's Woburn Substation and National Grid's Wakefield Junction Substation) to interconnect the New Line.
- 3. On December 2, 2015, the Department of Public Utilities issued an order consolidating the Companies' three petitions for hearing before the EFSB under the docket numbers EFSB 15-04; D.P.U. 15-140/15- 141.
- 4. The ISO requests that it be permitted to intervene as a party at this time in order to adequately represent and protect its interests in this proceeding. The ISO is substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding because it is responsible for the reliability of electric supply and transmission in the New England control area. The Project will have a significant impact on the reliability of the New England electric system. Therefore, ISO has substantial interests that may be adversely affected by the outcome of this proceeding.
- 5. This proceeding affords the exclusive means by which ISO can protect those interests, especially on a regional basis, and ISO's interest in this matter cannot be adequately addressed or represented by any other party. Further, ISO's unique expertise in the area of electric generation, transmission, system reliability, and bulk power system planning operation will assist the Department in the development of a comprehensive record and in resolving issues in this docket. Consequently, ISO's participation in this proceeding will help ensure the development of a

comprehensive record, while affording ISO the opportunity to maximize its ability to fulfill its obligations as noted above.

- 6. The ISO notes that this petition is made out of time, being submitted on December 4, 2015, due to an administrative oversight. ISO has consulted with counsel for Cmapnies in this docket, National Grid and Eversource, and has been authorized to state that neither oppose this Petition to Intervene. Due to the early stage of this proceeding, no party will be prejudiced by the granting of this petition. To ensure notice is provided to all interested parties, the ISO is serving all those listed on the official service list for this proceeding, as well as all addressees identified in petitions t intervene received by the EFSB.
- 7. If granted leave to intervene, ISO intends to participate in this proceeding by presentation of testimony or other relevant evidence, or issuing or responding to discovery and by filing briefs and comments, as may be appropriate. If granted leave to intervene, ISO requests that copies of all materials filed in this docket be served on ISO as specified in paragraph 8, below.
- 8. All communications and correspondence for this proceeding should be directed to:

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WHEREFORE, ISO New England Inc. requests that it be permitted to intervene in these proceedings as a full party.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 4, 2015

4834-8368-1579, v. 1

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 220 CMR 1.05(1) (Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure).

Dated at Holyoke, MA this 4th day of December, 2015.

Theodore J. Paradise, Esq.

Counsel for ISO New England Inc.

4841-6964-8427, v. 1

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