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Also, the foundation for a substation is being constructed on River Road.

According to spokesman Paul Copleman, the wind turbine components themselves are scheduled to arrive in June.

The wind turbine electricity generating facility was first proposed in 2003, but construction has been held up by several legal battles during the past eight years.

The project has been changed from 20 proposed turbines to 19.

The Hoosac Wind Project is owned by, and will be operated by, Ebertrola Renewables.

The 340-foot-high turbines will have 250-foot-diameter rotors and ancillary systems. The project, with completion expected in 2012, will have the capacity to power about 9,500 homes in the region.

Residents in the two neighboring towns, which approved the project in 2004, are to receive a \$9,000-per-megawatt payment in lieu of taxes over the next 20 years. Monroe's fewer than 100 residents expect to see about \$121,000 per year in new revenue while the fewer than 700 residents in the Berkshire County town of Florida expect their town will get about \$162,000 per year.

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# Hoosac Wind could be operational within a year

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## Last Act for wind reform

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By succeeding in burying the Wind Energy Siting Reform Act in a legislative committee, anti-wind interest groups have again employed stalling tactics to trip up a promising industry. What works on wind turbine proposals also works on legislators, and when the discussion turns to development standards, that won't change.

The act, which had at one time passed both Houses, was killed off by the Joint Committee on Telecom, Utilities and Energy, which is co-chaired by state Senator Benjamin B. Downing, a Pittsfield Democrat. While Governor Deval Patrick and Rick Sullivan, the secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, supported by the bill and are advocates of green energy, the administration did not push for passage as aggressively as antiwind ideologues pushed against passage.

Supposedly, according to Senator Downing in Saturday's Eagle, the focus will now shift to the development of standards for wind energy projects to be included in the legislation, but this is a red herring. It is unclear how standards can be established when every wind turbine proposal is dramatically different from every other proposal. Only a permitting process as outlined in the bill can account for and adjust to the specifics of these proposals. Senator Downing will find that interest groups with their one-size-fits all anti-wind ideology will oppose any "standards" that are offered for inclusion in the Reform Act. The Wind Siting Reform Act was designed to address the nuisance lawsuits and challenges that caused the Hoosac Wind Project in Florida and Monroe and the Berkshire Wind Project at Brodie Mountain to stall for six and 13 years respectively. Rather than threaten local control, the Act protects it by making it more difficult for special interest groups to parachute in and knot projects in bureaucratic red tape indefinitely.

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# No argument for wind power

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Response to your Dec. 2 editorial is compelled first by your respected leadership role as the regional paper. You, in my humble opinion, exhibit undue and inappropriate confidence in knowledge you simply cannot have. By challenging Senate President Therese Murray's position on stopping the WESRA bill, you are inappropriately guiding the yet uninformed.

Your implied lack of empathy is palpable for your local communities concerns, let alone the rapidly expanding thousands of concerned worldwide associations and organizations. There are many communities across Massachusetts and around the globe that have taken the time to become more informed and at minimum wish to apply a "precautionary principle" rather than become part of an ongoing experiment with their health, properties and communities.

Your statement on wind energy, "it is a green energy source that will reduce the reliance on energy sources that foul the atmosphere and contribute to global warming," is respectfully and simply an unfounded institutional myth that our governor and you have evidently adopted. Having looked hard to discover, there is as yet no verifiable, scientifically proven and replicable evidence that wind energy can, does or will do anything appreciable to reduce co2 emissions and help with global warming. There is extensive evidence to, at minimum, contradict or place into question those platitudes.

As a leader of uncommon position in the Berkshire community, you must be more on top of your facts. Simply ask those you interview to provide the three or four easily referenced sources that prove conclusively that what you have now stated is in fact true.

Without going out on a limb, I predict that there will many living in even distant proximity to Brodie Mountain turbines who will consider themselves already compromised in health, property values and more.

Any honest review and appraisal of the expressed and documented concerns of those who have opposed the Brodie and Hoosac wind projects, has to conclude that they have and have had legitimate concerns.

When the exponentially proven windier sites in Western states host hundreds of derelict wind turbines and the marginally windy Massachusetts sites are being proposed for turbines, it simply makes no sense. You have it wrong on this issue and it could have proportionally unfortunate and potentially misleading influence.

As a long-time satisfied subscriber, I extend a plea to truly listen to your communities and citizens more carefully before taking a stand on this issue.

#### WALTER CUDNOHUFSKY Ashfield

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# Local-control issue remains contentious - Doubts linger despite assurances from state

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A proposed law on wind energy projects has been specifically crafted to streamline their review while still preserving local communities' ability to regulate them, according to state officials. But whether the measure actually achieves that goal remains a matter of much debate.

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The proposed Wind Energy Siting Reform Act is based on a bill proposed by Gov. Deval Patrick, who has pushed hard for its passage as a key part of his effort to bolster the state's renewable energy portfolio. The measure passed both the House and Senate last year but was left to

expire last year by procedural legislative rules.

The measure has been revived this year, and after two public hearings at both ends of the state, it was clear that opponents remained concerned that the bill would subvert local towns' ability to control the projects.

Officials with the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs maintain that the proposed bill is designed to preserve local control, even to the extent of allowing the towns to seek funding from developers to conduct studies needed in evaluating the proposals.

According to Steven Clarke, assistant secretary for energy and environmental affairs, the bill cements a town's ability to approve or deny a project, clarifies a town's ability to secure ongoing revenue from a project while operating, and requires that communities provide opportunity for public input on any proposal.

The bill would require towns with sufficient wind resources to form a wind energy permitting board with members from various other town boards. If there aren't enough people, a town's planning board could perform that function. This would be the only board a wind project developer would have to deal with in order to obtain any required town permits or waivers.

It also creates a single state energy facilities siting board for any state permits required.

But Nathaniel Karns, executive director of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, stands by his assertion that contradictory language in the proposal muddies the purported clarity of delivering control over proposed wind projects to local municipalities. He noted that the wording would allow a project that has been denied by the local town's wind permitting board to appeal the decision to the state-level energy siting board. And if the local board approves a project with conditions, those conditions can also be appealed to the state-level siting board.

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project whose permits had been denied.

And any existing town laws would have to be taken into account, including an alreadyenacted ban, according to the proposed legislation, Clarke noted.

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# Wind energy projects are still debatable

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# A place for wind power

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We agree with state Senate President Therese Murray that there is no cause for a moratorium on wind projects in the state, especially considering that lawsuits and red tape have resulted in unofficial moratoriums for a decade or more. However, her concerns over the Wind Siting Reform Act, which has already passed the state Senate once, are not justified.

In response to a question Wednesday at a Berkshire Chamber of Commerce function at the Country Club of Pittsfield, Ms. Murray said no option should be removed from the state's energy mix. Wind certainly should not be, as it is a green energy source that will reduce the reliance on energy sources that foul the atmosphere and contribute to global warming. In regions like the Berkshires where wind can be generated from some ridge lines, it is also a potential revenue source for communities.

Ms. Murray apparently sees the Siting Reform Act as a threat to local control over turbines, but if passed it will assure that projects enjoying local support aren't tied in knots indefinitely by special interest groups. When the Berkshire Wind Project finally went on line at Brodie Mountain, Governor Deval Patrick observed that "it shouldn't take 13 years to finish a project like this," but because of nuisance lawsuits and appeals, that's how long it took that worthy project to go from proposal to dedication. The Hoosac Wind Project in Florida and Monroe, which is set to go on line in 2012, spent six years in limbo because of legal challenges when it could have been generating clean energy.

These are the abuses the Wind Siting Reform Act was designed to address. The act passed both the House and Senate in 2010, but was buried in a conference committee and is yet to emerge.

Scare tactics to the contrary, wind turbines will not spring up like dandelions all over the Berkshires because not every mountain site is conducive to wind generation, and if a site is not it will fail to attract the considerable monetary investment needed to place a turbine and bring it on line. In Lenox, where going to war is usually a first resort not a final one, Town Manager Gregory Federspiel was accused without merit of showing a pro-wind bias by an anti-wind member of the panel analyzing a possible wind turbine installation on Lenox Mountain. Creation of the panel was a good idea, and we hope members will be objective and leave personalities out of the equation.

Berkshire County has an opportunity to be a state leader in the production of wind and solar energy. Wind and solar generators won't be everywhere but they can't be nowhere either. There is a vast middle ground to be explored responsibly.

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# Lenox turbine panel seeks civil consensus

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LENOX - In the aftermath of a site tour and high-drama meeting earlier this month, tempers cooled though differences remained at the Wind Energy Research Panel's most recent session.

The six-member town committee moved toward common ground on the two key issues surrounding a potential municipal wind turbine installation atop Lenox Mountain.

Several proponents and opponents agreed that energycost savings for the town along with the impact on the environment and surroundings are the major pivot points.

The panel is scheduled to reconvene today at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.

In an effort to soothe ruffled feelings, panel moderator Kenneth Fowler urged members to " do their due diligence and bring to the meetings materials and facts that support their particular opinion. Civility and respect for the opinions of others are required for the credibility of this panel."

Most of the calm, two-hour gathering last Thursday was devoted to a presentation by Dan Ingold, senior technical director for Weston Solutions Inc. Last spring, the alternative- energy firm identified Lenox Mountain as a "viable" site for one or two turbines.

Ingold detailed the pros and cons of wind-turbine sites he has worked on, emphasizing that he has recommended against some installations, including "utility scale" projects such as Hoosac Wind in the town of Florida, because he considered them too big.

"I really have a problem with 12 turbines or more," he said, citing a preference for municipal projects that range from one to 10 turbines.

Projects he identified as favorable include a recently rebuilt, relocated municipal two-turbine site in Princeton, a hilltown in Worcester County.

Hurdles that were overcome there included road construction issues at the site and "ice throws" - chunks that can be scattered by buildups on revolving blades.

A dual-turbine installation in Falmouth on Cape Cod encountered significant noise issues, Ingold said, with some residents in the densely populated area contending that their health had been affected. "Shame on Falmouth, they didn't do a noise study beforehand," said Ingold. " Now they're paying a price. From my standpoint, lesson learned."

" I'm going to strongly, strongly recommend that you do an acoustic study here," Ingold told the panel members. He urged installation of a temporary, nearly 200- foot meteorological tower near the potential site along the Lenox Mountain ridge line to precisely measure available wind speeds.

" I like putting it up," he explained, "because now people see something that's tall there. You get the feedback that it's unacceptable at that height, or it's not so bad."

The Weston Solutions official also acknowledged that the heavily wooded area presents access challenges, since it would require alterations and disruption to Reservoir Road and a trail known as Dunbar Road.

Under questioning from alternate panel member Jo Anne Magee, a project opponent, Ingold explained that "heavy-duty bulldozers would be involved to clear the way for construction traffic. It's going to have a significant impact."

"For me, the No. 1 point of the whole project is economics," said panelist Eric Vincelette, a member of the Finance Committee who leans in favor of the project. "We know there are road issues, everybody loves the mountain. That's why we're all spending our time here. The bottom line is what are we saving and what are we paying out and, at the end, what's the positive cash flow that the town is keeping."

Vincelette advocated a more detailed financial analysis. "If this town isn't saving money, we have no interest in ripping up roads and blasting," he said. "Is this really green?" asked project opponent Christopher Magee. " If we aren't doing anything good for the environment, and we have some noiseproblem potential, why do it even if it makes a little money. But I agree, money matters."

He called for data on the reliability and durability of the turbines, since potential failures would affect the bottom line for the town.

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# Wind bill hearing set - Turbine permitting discussion on Wed.

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The state Legislature's Joint Committee on Telecom, Utilities and Energy will convene a public hearing in Hancock on Wednesday to seek input regarding a wind turbine bill partly inspired by struggles developers faced in the Berkshires.

The Wind Siting Reform Act is similar in many ways to a bill that nearly made it to the governor's desk during the last legislative session. That bill was passed by both the state Senate and House, but did not gain final approval before time ran out on the 2010 session.

The stated goal of the bill is to reduce the time and expense involved in the process of local and state permitting for commercial wind turbine developments. Impetus for the bill was, in part, the seven- year struggle developers experienced in securing permission to build the Hoosac Wind project, a 20- turbine, 30megawatt project on ridgelines in the towns of Florida and Monroe.

Public hearings of this sort are normally conducted at the state house, according to state Sen. Ben Downing, chairman of the joint committee. But because the areas most likely to be impacted by this legislation - Berkshire County and Cape Cod - are home to those who would have the most to say on the topic, there will be two hearings, one in each locale.

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"The state has been dorking around with this for so long, we could have had established standards by now," Karns said.

As it is, the bill requires the wind advisory group to deliver development standards after a six-month period, he noted.

" What we now have is a stunning lack of trust in the state on this whole issue because of the way the state has approached it," Karns said.

Downing said it is possible that the bill would move out of committee this fall, and be voted on in both branches of the Legislature by early next year.

Wednesday's meeting on the Wind Siting Reform Act will be held nearby these Berkshire Wind project turbines, seen above from Vacation Village in Hancock.

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#### WIND HEARING SESSION - IS SET FOR WEDNESDAY

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But according to Nathaniel Karns, executive director of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, the bill has plenty of shortcomings.

Among them is the wording regarding local permitting, that requires the addition of one word to fix.

Karns said in one section, the local town would be given the right to deny a permit to a wind development, but in another section, it would allow the developer after the local decision to bring it to the state's wind advisory board. Adding the word "favorable" between "local" and "decision" would straighten out that conflict.

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# Renewable Energy - Mass. utility to buy power from 3 New England wind farms

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Massachusetts regulators have approved deals by the state's second-largest utility to buy power from three land wind farms scattered around New England, the firm announced Friday.

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# Massachusetts OKs utility deals to buy wind power

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NStar has kept pricing on the three deals confidential, but analysts have estimated the power costs at about 9.4 cents per kilowatt hour. The three deals are fixed price contracts, meaning the price per kilowatt hour doesn't increase over time. NStar selected its contracts after a competitive bidding process that emphasized lowest price and drew about 74 qualified bids.

Offshore wind costs more than land wind, in part because of the cost of building and maintaining huge sea turbines.

National Grid has said large scale projects like the 468-megawatt Cape Wind are essential to meet coming renewable energy demands and it's worth the extra cost of about \$1.50 a month for an average residential user (about 618 kilowatt hours usage).

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# **Legal Notices**

April 6, 2011 | MetroWest Daily News, The (Framingham, MA) Section: Legal Notices | 7749 Words Page: A7 OpenURL Link

STREET RECONSTRUCTION BIDS LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hudson, Massachusetts will receive sealed bids for the RECONSTRUCTION OF COTTAGE AND WILSON STREETS until 10:00 A.M., on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011 at the Office of the Director of Public Works, 1 Municipal Drive, Hudson, Massachusetts 01749, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A copy of the contract documents for the work may be obtained from the office of the Director, after APRIL 06, 2011 between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.

Department of Public Works One Municipal Drive Hudson, Massachusetts 01749 THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT IS \$750,000.

Submitted Proposals must be on forms furnished and addressed to the Director of Public Works, 1 Municipal Drive, Hudson, MA 01749.

PLEASE MARK ON ENVELOPE PURPOSE OF BID ENCLOSED.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the bid price in the form described in the Information for Bidders.

Mass. Highway Department Prequalification is a requirement for this project.

Bidders attention is called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum state wage rates to be paid under the contract.

NOTE: The Town of Hudson Department of Public Works reserves the right to downsize the project limits if the bid of the lowest responsible bidder is greater than the funds available and allocated to this project.

Anthony Marques Director of Public Works AD#12479859 MWDN 4/6, 4/13/11 15 OLD CONNECTICUT PATH LEGAL NOTICE THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT Case No. 440671 To: Michael P. Fays; Lori A. Fays and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

US Bank National Association, as Trustee for WFMBS 2004-P claiming to be the holder of a Mortgage covering real property in Ashland, numbered 15 Old Connecticut Path given by Michael P. Fays and Lori A. Fays to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated April 22, 2004, and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 42635, Page 1 and now held by the plaintiff by assignment has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before May 9, 2011 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court on March 28, 2011 Attest: DEBORAH J. PATTERSON RECORDER 200908-0363 - BLU AD#12481099 MWDN 4/6/11 FLOATING AERATOR BIDS LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF

MARLBOROUGH INVITATION FOR BID STAINLESS STEEL BODIED FLOATING AERATORS AT EASTERLY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT The City of Marlborough, the Awarding Authority, by its Department of Public Works invites sealed bids from qualified contractors to furnish and install two new 40HP stainless steel bodied floating aerators at the Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 860 Boston Post Road East in Marlborough, MA.

FOB 3-4 weeks. All bidding procedures shall conform to M.G.L. c.30, § 39M, c.149, §44A-L, and all bids are subject to minimum prevailing wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26-27H inclusive. The work is estimated to cost \$65,000.00.

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, April 28, 2011 and publicly opened, forthwith at the Office of the Assistant Commissioner - Utilities, Department of Public Works, Municipal Garage, 135 Neil Street, Marlborough, MA 01752. Bids shall be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope on the lower left corner as follows: EWTP AERATORS - CONTRACT #2011-14. The City will not be responsible for premature opening of bids not properly identified, and such bids will be rejected. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit of not less than five (5%) percent of the value of the proposed work in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30, §39M(a), and made payable to the City of Marlborough, the Awarding Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up from the Engineering Department, 135 Neil Street, Marlborough, MA 01752, by email to dpw@marlboroughma.gov or by calling 508-624-6910 ext. 7200 after 8:00 A.M. on Monday, April 11, 2011.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a check, paid in advance, for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 per set, payable to the City of Marlborough, the Awarding Authority, to cover FedEx handling costs (or the use of the vendor's FedEx, UPS or other account number).

Questions concerning this IFB shall be directed to DPW - Water & Sewer Division c/o Commissioner at 508-624-6910 ext.

7200; by fax to 508-624-7699 or by email to dpw@marlborough-ma.gov.

Pursuant to the City of Marlborough's Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program (MBE/WBE), all qualified Bidders will receive consideration without regard to race, color, creed, religion, disability, sex or national origin. The City of Marlborough reserves the right to waive any informality in, or to reject any and all bids, wholly or in part, if it is in the public interest to do so and to make an award in a manner deemed in the best interests of the City.

Department of Public Works Ronald M. LaFreniere, Commissioner AD#12481882 MWDN 4/6/11 TIBBETTS LEGAL NOTICE Commonwealth of Massachusetts County of Essex The Superior Court CIVIL DOCKET#ESCV2011-00410 RE: Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to Fleet National Bank v Hegarty et al ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION TO: The Heirs, Devisees, and Legal Representative of Mary Tibbetts, RESIDENCE UNKNOWN, Mary Tibbetts having a last know residence of 27 Newton Place, Framingham, Massachusetts 01702 GREETING: WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by Bank of America, N.A. Successor by Merger to Fleet National Bank, Providence Rhode Island, wherein it is seeking to remove cloud on title on property located at 51 Reservoir Street, Methuen, MA, 01844, it is seeking to attach said real estate and it is moving for a lis pendens on said real estate.

We COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any defense, that on 05/26/2011 or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court at Newburyport in the County of Essex, in said Commonwealth, and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein; that a hearing on the motion for lis pendens and for a real estate attachment shall be held in the Newburyport Superior Court, 145 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 at 2:00 p.m. on said return date of 5/26/11.

Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suite may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence.

It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendants, the Court, Richard E. Welch, III, Justice of the Superior Court, having allowed a motion for service by publication the plaintiff having represented that the defendant, The Heirs, Devisees, and Legal Representative of Mary Tibbetts, are unknown in number or location, the decedent, Mary Tibbetts, having a last known address at 27 Newton Place, Framingham, Middlesex County, MA 01702, It is ORDERED that notice of this suit and plaintiff's request for an attachment and lis pendens be given to them by publishing in the Metrowest Daily News, a newspaper published in said Middlesex County, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20-days before said return day. A hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Newburyport Superior Court.

Dated at Newburyport, Massachusetts this 23rd day of March, 2011 Richard E. Welch III, Justice Thomas H. Driscoll Jr., Clerk of the Courts By: Assistant Clerk AD#12481487 MWDN 4/6, 4/13, 4/20/11 138-140 FRANKLIN STREET LEGAL NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE's SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Shawn M. Kelly and Cathy P. Kelly a/k/a Lurdes C. Kelly a/k/a Lurdes C. Pinto to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated January 17, 2003 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 37739, Page 535, of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank, NA is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on April 21, 2011, on the mortgaged premises located at 138-140 Franklin Street, Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The land in Framingham with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Franklin Street, Being shown as Lot 24 on plan entitled, "Plan showing a Portion of Property of the Manson Estate, Framingham, Mass., February 1898", a copy of which plan if filed with Middlesex Probate Case No.

30486, to which plan reference may be had for a more particular description.

Being the same premises conveyed to Mortgagors by deed recorded with said Registry in Book 30695, Page 212.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 30695, Page 212.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201002-1639 - YEL AD#12475773 MWDN 3/30, 4/6, 4/13/11 5 ROBBERN ROAD, HOPKINTON LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Steven P. Testa to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated December 29, 2006 and Registered with Middlesex (Southern) County Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 1431431 noted on Certificate of Title Number 238211 of which the Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 09:00 AM on April 13, 2011 at 5 Robbern Road, Hopkinton, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit: That certain parcel

of land situated in Hopkinton in the county of Middlesex and said Commonwealth of Massachusetts, described as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY: By Robbern Road, one hundred twenty-three and 88/100 feet; NORTHWESTERLY: By Lot 57 as shown on plan hereinafter mentioned, one hundred fifty feet; NORTHWESTERLY: Again by Lot 54 on said plan, fifty-nine and 88/100 feet; and EASTERLY: By Lots 61, 60 and 59 on said plan, Two hundred and five feet.

Said parcel is shown as Lot 58, Sheet 3, on said plan, (plan No, 36091).

For Mortgagor's title see Foreclosure Deed registered in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds Land Court as document # 1427662 on November 17, 2006 at 3:49 pm.

Bk 1329 Pg 108 238211 The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check or bank treasurer's check will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.

Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-11AR Present Holder of said Mortgage, By Its Attorneys, Orlans Moran PLLC P.O. Box 962169 Boston, MA 02196 Phone: (617) 502-4100 AD#12472683 MWDN 3/23, 3/30, 4/6/11 156 SUMMER STREET LEGAL NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE's SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by William J. Rice and Margaret M. Rice to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated July 28, 2003 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 40370, Page 35, of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank, NA is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 5:00 p.m. on April 21, 2011, on the mortgaged premises located at 156 Summer Street, Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: The land with the buildings and thereon situated on the southerly side of Summer Street in Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts and being shown as Lot 8 on plan entitled "Framingham, Mass.

Plan of Subdivision of a Section of Old Connecticut Path Park", dated July 14, 1951, Edward H. Howard, Civil Engineer, which plan is recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan Number 1478 of 1951 in Book 7794 at Page 266, and said Lot 8 being more particularly bounded and described according to said plan as follows: Northerly by Summer Street, on two courses measuring respectively 58.82 feet and 21.18 feet; Easterly by Lot 7 as shown on said Plan, 165.20 feet; Southerly by land of owners unknown, 80 feet; and Westerly by Lot 9, 168.23 feet.

The premises are conveyed subject to the Relocation of Summer Street by the Town of Framingham recorded with said Registry in Book 5346, Page 264.

For title see Deed recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 19714 at Page 181.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 19714, Page 181.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201009-1577 - YEL AD#12475759 MWDN 3/30, 4/6, 4/13/11 51 WILKINS ROAD LEGAL NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE's SALE OF REAL ESTATE By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Nancy L. Zaccagnini to Mortgage Funding Corporation, dated December 17, 1996 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 26926, Page 104, of which mortgage The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company NA, fka The Bank of New York Trustee as Successor in Interest to JP Morgan Chase Bank, NA as successor Trustee by merger to The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee for GE Capital Mortgage Services Inc. Home is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 p.m. on April 14, 2011, on the mortgaged premises located at 51 Wilkins Road, Holliston, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Holliston, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the Northeasterly side of Wilkins Road, being shown as Lot 8 on a plan entitled "Plan of Highland Acres, a Subdivision in Holliston" dated November 25, 1957, by Schofield Brothers, Registered Civil Engineers, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 238 of 1958, at the End of Book 9112, bounded and described as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY: By the Northeasterly side of Wilkins Road, One hundred (100) feet; NORTHWESTERLY: By Lot 9, as shown on said plan, One hundred seventy-nine and 36/100 (179.36) feet; NORTHEASTERLY: By land of Arthur G.

Champney et ux, as shown on said plan, One hundred and 57/100 (100.57) feet; and SOUTHEASTERLY: By Lot 7, as shown on said plan. One hundred eighty (180) feet.

Containing 18,020 feet of land, more or less, according to said plan. Together with the right to use all streets and ways shown on said plan, for all purposes for which streets and ways are commonly used in the Town of Holliston, in common with all others lawfully entitled thereto. Said premises are now as and numbered 51 Wilkins Road, Holliston, Massachusetts. The premises are conveyed subject to and with the benefits of easements and restrictions of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 26926, Page 102.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY NA, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NA AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE BY MERGER TO THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, AS TRUSTEE FOR GE CAPITAL MORTGAGE SERVICES INC. HOME Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.

150 California Street Newton, MA 02458 (617) 558-0500 201009-0006 - BLU AD#12470011 MWDN 3/23, 3/30, 4/6/11 NSTAR 11-05 LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE D.P.U. 11-05 March 29, 2011 Petition of NSTAR Electric Company for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of: (1) a long-term contract to purchase wind power and renewable energy certificates, pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83, and 220 C.M.R. § 17.00 et seq.; and (2) a long term renewable energy contract adjustment mechanism tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 164.

On February 18, 2011, NSTAR Electric Company ("NSTAR Electric" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval, pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83 ("Section 83") and 220 C.M.R. § 17.00 et seq., of a long term contract to purchase wind power and associated renewable energy certificates ("RECs"). The proposed contract between the Company and Groton Wind, LLC, is for the output of a 48 megawatt facility located in Groton, New Hampshire ("Groton Wind facility").

The Company also seeks approval of a proposed tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 164, which provides for the recovery of costs associated with long term contracts for renewable energy procured pursuant to Section 83.

Section 83 requires each electric distribution company to solicit proposals for long-term contracts of ten to 15 years in duration from renewable energy developers at least twice over a five-year period beginning on July 1, 2009, and, if the proposals received are reasonable, to enter into cost-effective long-term contracts to facilitate the financing of renewable energy generation. St. 2008, c. 169, § 83; 220 C.M.R. § 17.00 et seq. A long-term contract must be approved by the Department before it can become effective. St. 2008, c. 169, § 83; 220 C.M.R. § 17.03(2). The Department must take into consideration both the potential costs and benefits of such contracts and shall approve a contract only upon a finding that it is a cost effective mechanism for procuring renewable energy on a longterm basis. St. 2008, c. 169, § 83; 220 C.M.R. § 17.05.

In accordance with Section 83, the electric distribution companies and the Department of Energy Resources jointly developed a request for proposals ("RFP") for the supply of renewable electric energy and RECs. On August 27, 2010, the Department approved the method of soliciting and executing long term contracts, as well as the timetable, contained in the jointly proposed RFP. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company et al., D.P.U.

10-76 (2010). On September 2, 2010, the electric distribution companies jointly issued the RFP. Of the bids the Company received in response to the RFP, NSTAR Electric states that the Groton Wind facility was one of the projects that the Company ranked highest on combined price and non price factors. The Company has also entered into long-term contracts with two other projects that the Company ranked highest on combined price and non price factors. These contracts are also under review by the Department (see NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 11-06, and NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 11-07).

The proposed contract anticipates that the Groton Wind facility will be in commercial operation by December 31, 2012. Under the proposed contract, NSTAR Electric will purchase the electricity supply and associated RECs from the Groton Wind facility over a term of ten years. The Company has requested confidential treatment of the contract pricing pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 5D.

Pursuant to Section 83 and 220 C.M.R. § 17.07, the Company proposes to collect an annual remuneration equal to four percent of the annual payments under the contract to compensate the Company for accepting the financial obligation of the long term contract.

The Company projects that the costs to customers of the contract payments and remuneration to the Company will be below the projected market value of the products purchased under the contract. According to the Company, if its petition were approved, there would be no impact on the bill of an average residential customer.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General"), through the office of ratepayer advocacy, may intervene, appear and participate in Department proceedings on behalf of any group of customers in connection with any matter involving rates of an electric company or gas company. The Attorney General has filed a notice of intervention on behalf of the Company's customers in this matter. Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company's three long-term contract filings and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c.

12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered by the Company in rates.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. The public hearing will be immediately followed by a procedural conference. Persons interested in commenting on the Company's filing may do so at the public hearing or may file written comments by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 21, 2011.

Persons interested in participating in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 14, 2011. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed.

A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Responses to petitions to intervene must be filed with the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 21, 2011.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), full parties must be provided with an opportunity to comment on the necessity or desirability of the Attorney General's retention of an expert.

Therefore, any person who seeks to intervene in this matter and also desires to comment on the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants must file the comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 14, 2011.

The original of all documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110. In addition, two (2) copies of all documents filed with the Department must be sent to Shaela Collins, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. One (1) copy of all documents filed with the Department must also be sent to: (1) Robert J. Keegan, Esq., Keegan Werlin, LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA, 02110-3113; and (2) Jamie Tosches DeMello, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Ratepayer Advocacy, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

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proceeding (D.P.U. 11-05); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: http://www.mass.gov/dpu.

Copies of the filing and the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants are available for inspection during regular business hours at NSTAR Electric's offices, One NSTAR Way, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090, and on the Company's website: www.nstar.com. Copies are also available for inspection during regular business hours at the Department's offices, One South Station - 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, and on the Department's website, http://www.mass.gov/dpu, by accessing the File Room link.

For further information regarding the Company's filing, please contact the Company's counsel, Robert J. Keegan, at (617) 951-1400. For further information regarding the Attorney General's notice of retention of experts and consultants, please contact Jamie Tosches DeMello, Assistant Attorney General, at (617) 727-2200. For further information regarding this notice, please contact the Department Hearing Officer assigned to this case, Shaela Collins, at (617) 305-3611.

AD#12482040 MWDN 4/6/11 NSTAR 11-06 LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE D.P.U. 11-06 March 29, 2011 Petition of NSTAR Electric Company for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of: (1) a long-term contract to purchase wind power and renewable energy certificates, pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83, and 220 C.M.R. § 17.00 et seq.; and (2) a long term renewable energy contract adjustment mechanism tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 164.

On February 18, 2011, NSTAR Electric Company ("NSTAR Electric" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval, pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83 ("Section 83") and 220 C.M.R. § 17.00 et seq., of a long term contract to purchase wind power and associated renewable energy certificates ("RECs"). The proposed contract between the Company and New England Wind, LLC, is for the output of a 28.5 megawatt facility located in Monroe and Florida, Massachusetts ("Hoosac Wind facility"). The Company also seeks approval of a proposed tariff, M.D.P.U.

No. 164, which provides for the recovery of costs associated with long term contracts for renewable energy procured pursuant to Section 83.

Section 83 requires each electric distribution company to solicit proposals for long-term contracts of ten to 15 years in duration from renewable energy developers at least twice over a five-year period beginning on July 1, 2009, and, if the proposals received are reasonable, to enter into cost-effective long-term contracts to facilitate the financing of renewable energy generation. St. 2008, c. 169, § 83; 220 C.M.R. § 17.00 et seq. A long-term contract must be approved by the Department before it can become effective. St. 2008, c.

169, § 83; 220 C.M.R. § 17.03(2). The Department must take into consideration both the potential costs and benefits of such contracts and shall approve a contract only upon a finding that it is a cost effective mechanism for procuring renewable energy on a longterm basis. St. 2008, c. 169, § 83; 220 C.M.R. § 17.05.

In accordance with Section 83, the electric distribution companies and the Department of Energy Resources jointly developed a request for proposals ("RFP") for the supply of renewable electric energy and RECs. On August 27, 2010, the Department approved the method of soliciting and executing long term contracts, as well as the timetable, contained in the jointly proposed RFP. Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company et al., D.P.U. 10-76 (2010). On September 2, 2010, the electric distribution companies jointly issued the RFP. Of the bids the Company received in response to the RFP, NSTAR Electric states that the Hoosac Wind facility was one of the projects that the Company ranked highest on combined price and non price factors. The Company has also entered into long-term contracts with two other projects that the Company ranked highest on combined price and non price factors. These contracts are also under review by the Department (see NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 11-05, and NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 11-07).

The proposed contract anticipates that the Hoosac Wind facility will be in commercial operation by July 1, 2012. Under the proposed contract, NSTAR Electric will purchase the electricity supply and associated RECs from the Hoosac Wind facility over a term of ten years. The Company has requested confidential treatment of the contract pricing pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 5D. Pursuant to Section 83 and 220 C.M.R. § 17.07, the Company proposes to collect an annual remuneration equal to four percent of the annual payments under the contract to compensate the Company for accepting the financial obligation of the long term contract.

The Company projects that the costs to customers of the contract payments and remuneration to the Company will be below the projected market value of the products purchased under the contract. According to the Company, if its petition were approved, there would be no impact on the bill of an average residential customer.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Attorney General"), through the office of ratepayer advocacy, may intervene, appear and participate in Department proceedings on behalf of any group of customers in connection with any matter involving rates of an electric company or gas company. The Attorney General has filed a notice of intervention on behalf of the Company's customers in this matter. Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General has filed a notice of retention of experts and consultants to assist in her investigation of the Company's three long-term contract filings and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered by the Company in rates.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's filing on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. The public hearing will be immediately followed by a procedural conference. Persons interested in commenting on the Company's filing may do so at the public hearing or may file written comments by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 21, 2011.

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A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

Responses to petitions to intervene must be filed with the Department no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 21, 2011.

Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), full parties must be provided with an opportunity to comment on the necessity or desirability of the Attorney General's retention of an expert.

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AD#12482061 MWDN 4/6/11 NSTAR 11-07 LEGAL NOTICE OF FILING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE D.P.U. 11-07 March 29, 2011 Petition of NSTAR Electric Company for approval by the Department of Public Utilities of: (1) a long-term contract to purchase wind power, renewable energy certificates and capacity, pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83, and 220 C.M.R. § 17.00 et seq.; and (2) a long term renewable energy contract adjustment mechanism tariff, M.D.P.U. No. 164.

On February 18, 2011, NSTAR Electric Company ("NSTAR Electric" or "Company") filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities ("Department") seeking approval, pursuant to St. 2008, c. 169, § 83 ("Section 83") and 220 C.M.R. § 17.00 et seq., of a long term contract to purchase wind power, associated renewable energy certificates ("RECs") and capacity. The proposed contract between the Company and Blue Sky East, LLC, is for the output of a 32.4 megawatt facility located in Eastbrook, Maine ("Blue Sky Wind facility"). The Company also seeks approval of a proposed tariff, M.D.P.U. No.

164, which provides for the recovery of costs associated with long term contracts for renewable energy procured pursuant to Section 83.

Section 83 requires each electric distribution company to solicit proposals for long-term contracts of ten to 15 years in duration from renewable energy developers at least twice over a five-year period beginning on July 1, 2009, and, if the proposals received are reasonable, to enter into cost-effective long-term contracts to facilitate the financing of renewable energy generation. St. 2008, c. 169, § 83; 220 C.M.R. § 17.00 et seq. A long-term contract must be approved by the Department before it can become effective. St. 2008, c.

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10-76 (2010). On September 2, 2010, the electric distribution companies jointly issued the RFP. Of the bids the Company received in response to the RFP, NSTAR Electric states that the Blue Sky Wind facility was one of the projects that the Company ranked highest on combined price and non price factors.

The Company has also entered into long-term contracts with two other projects that the Company ranked highest

on combined price and non price factors. These contracts are also under review by the Department (see NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 11-05, and NSTAR Electric Company, D.P.U. 11-06).

The proposed contract anticipates that the Blue Sky Wind facility will be in commercial operation by May 2012. Under the proposed contract, NSTAR Electric will purchase the electricity supply, associated RECs and capacity from the Blue Sky Wind facility over a term of 15 years. The Company has requested confidential treatment of the contract pricing pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 5D.

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# Wind power near launch atop Brodie Mountain

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HANCOCK, Mass. - The Berkshire Wind project on Brodie Mountain is expected to begin generating power next month, according to a project spokesman. Tyler Fairbank, president of local renewable energy development firm EOS Ventures, which is handling both construction management and external communications for the project, said technicians are in the midst of utility and communications connectivity work.

That phase is expected to be completed soon, and then the four- to five-week commissioning process will begin. During the commissioning phase, General Electric personnel go through a lengthy checklist to ensure that the 10, 1.5-megawatt turbines are functioning properly and according to manufacturer's specifications. The turbines were manufactured by GE.

Previous estimates had the turbines online in April.

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# Wind power near launch - Brodie Mountain project takeoff in May

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HANCOCK - The Berkshire Wind project on Brodie Mountain is expected to begin generating power next month, according to a project spokesman.

Tyler Fairbank, president of local renewable energy development firm EOS Ventures, which is handling both construction management and external communications for the project, said technicians are in the midst of utility and communications connectivity work.

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# Florida gives OK to warrants - Voters approve broadband work, school repairs, road easements

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FLORIDA - The town took its first step toward the development of a cooperative broadband system, with voters reaffirming their commitment to the Wired West Initiative during a special town meeting on Wednesday.

Some 31 voters also approved two warrant articles for ongoing repairs at Gabriel Abbott Memorial School, which will allow the work to appear on the May 2 ballot for a debt exclusion override vote. Also approved was a warrant article allowing the town to take permanent easements on all of the roads being built for the Hoosac Wind Project.

Town Administrator Christine Dobbert said Wednesday night's vote was a little confusing, as residents had to approve the creation of a municipal lighting plant in order to move forward with the broadband initiative. The article, which was done by ballot and required a

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vote, was passed 30 to 1, with only one person voting against it.

"It sounds like we're establishing a municipal utility, but that's not our intent," she said. "The law that allows for broadband is included in the municipal lighting plant language."

Provisions for the establishment of municipal telecommunications services are included in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 164, which was originally established as a way for towns to create electrical utilities. Dobbert said the vote will allow the town to move forward with Wired West, a recently established broadband provider that would link the 47 underserved communities in Western Massachusetts with the Massachusetts Broadband Initiative, which has received federal funding to lay some 1,388 miles of

fiber optic cable to bring highspeed Internet to the lagging areas of the region.

The approval makes Florida the 25th town to approve a municipal system.

Dobbert said two warrant articles for a \$623,000 water infiltration project and a \$380,000 roof repair at Gabriel Abbott passed quickly.

"Both projects needed to be approved for a debt exclusion override vote," she said. "The vote for the water infiltration project had to be redone. It was approved at a special town meeting last May, but it was never put on a ballot within the required 90 days."

The Massachusetts School Building Authority has agreed to reimburse the town for 60 percent or some \$370,890 of the project, but the town needed to have the money upfront. While project estimates came in much lower, with only about \$158,000 of the project slated to go out to bond, the town still needs the initial approval for the override.

Dobbert said the roof project has been in the works since 2007. A portion of the project has already been completed by the town's Department of Public Works.

She said the final warrant article gave the town a permanent easement on the roads being built for the installation of wind turbines as part of the Hoosac Wind Project.

"Essentially the acceptance of the article allows the town access to the roads if the project were to be shut down or abandoned - we'd have the right to use the roads if we needed to dismantle a tower," Dobbert said. "It also grants us any funds left over from the project for the dismantling if it's abandoned or shut down."

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# **Nstar Eschews Cape Wind**

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NStar is looking far beyond the waves of Nantucket Sound to purchase its share of renewable energy, leaving Cape Wind still seeking a buyer for half its power.

NStar filed contracts last Friday with the state Department of Public Utilities to purchase 108.9 mw of renewable energy from three sources: Hoosac Wind in the Berkshires, Groton Wind in New Hampshire and Blue Sky East of Maine.

The contracts were signed Dec. 23, and the DPU has 180 days from the Friday date of filing to approve the deal.

"Clearly, that shows that there are readily available alternatives at a much lower cost than Cape Wind that make much more sense for Massachusetts ratepayers," said Audra Parker of Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound.

"Cape Wind is hard pressed to find a buyer willing to pay two to three times market [value] and other green energy costs."

Not that hard-pressed, they say.

"If you combine Cape Wind and all of the other planned land-based wind and solar projects, they still don't equal the required demand for clean energy as mandated by state law in Massachusetts and the other New England states," declared Cape Wind spokesman Mark Rodgers.

"There is still considerable market out there."

Under the state's Green Communities Act, power companies must provide 3 percent of their power from renewable resources. The deal with the three wind energy facilities would cover 1.6 percent of NStar's energy generation.

"We still need 94 megawatts to get to our 3 percent obligation," said NStar spokesman Caroline Allen. "The legislation allows up to four or five years from mid 2009 to fulfill the requirement."

So there is a market there, but Cape Wind must sell 234 megawatts more. National Grid has purchased half the output for 18.7 cents a kilowatt with a 3.5 percent annual increase after 2013. The price for traditional power is around 10 cents a kilowatt.

"There are a number of potential buyers at the end of the day," Rodgers said. "The characteristics of our product, which are different, is that we have stronger performance at the times of peak demand, that we are geographically close to the grid that needs power and not behind a transmission bottleneck as is the case in Maine, and with a Massachusetts buyer, there is jobs creation in the state, making it of interest to buyers."

Parker disagrees.

"I think NStar, despite outrageous pressure from the Patrick administration to have NStar purchase Cape Wind power as a condition for the approval of the merger (with Northeast Utilities) clearly did not succumb to the pressure and is doing the right thing for ratepayers by bypassing Cape Wind," she said.

Allen said NStar won't disclose their purchase price.

"Pricing terms are confidential," she said. "But we believe the contract represents good value as an onshore wind resource for our customers."

NStar provides power for all of mainland Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

If they are unable to sell the power, Cape Wind might have to scale back its plans.

"We're confident we can sell more in addition to the 50 percent National Grid has already approved," Rodgers said.
"Our preference is to sell in Massachusetts but there is a New England-wide market."

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