

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

D.P.U. 22-95

New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (“NEP” or the “Company”), located at 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, Massachusetts, 02451, has filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) in connection with the Company’s proposal to separate a 1.85-mile segment of its existing N12 and M13 115 kilovolt (“kV”) overhead transmission lines, currently installed on double circuit steel lattice towers, onto two distinct sets of structures (the “Project”). The Project will be located within an existing electric transmission line right-of-way (“ROW”) that extends from NEP’s Pottersville Switching Station in Somerset, Massachusetts, crosses the Taunton River into Fall River, and continues easterly within the ROW to Sykes Road Substation in Fall River.¹ The Project involves the removal of the existing double circuit towers and the construction of two sets of single circuit steel monopoles and conductors to carry the separated N12 and M13 Lines. The Project also includes some minor modifications at the Sykes Road Substation to interconnect the N12 and M13 Lines into the station. The Company seeks a determination from the Department that the Project is necessary, serves the public convenience and is consistent with the public interest under G.L. c. 164, § 72.

The Department will conduct a remote public comment hearing regarding the Project using Zoom videoconferencing at 7:00 p.m. on [INSERT]. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81610084315> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **1 646 558 8656 (not toll free)** and then enter the Webinar ID: **816 1008 4315**


If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the public comment hearing, please send an email to geneen.bartley@mass.gov with your name, email address, and mailing address by [INSERT]. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message at (617) 305-3529 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by [INSERT]. Additional commenters may be allowed during the public comment hearing, at the discretion of the Hearing Officer.

The Department will accept written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Department if submitted by [INSERT].

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Department proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format, by email or email attachment, to

¹ With certain limited exceptions, the Project will be constructed entirely within the Company’s existing ROW.

dpu.efiling@mass.gov and to [INSERT HEARING OFFICER] no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on [INSERT].

Simultaneous English-to-Spanish/European Portuguese/Cape Verdean interpretation will be provided. All attendees should select their preferred language to hear the Interpreter translate into that language. Press the globe icon  and then choose the desired language.

Public Comment Hearing

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the proposed Project. The public comment hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. A recording of the public comment hearing will be posted to the [Department's YouTube](#) channel after the hearing.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Department proceeding beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments may seek either to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. Intervention as a party allows the person or group to participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including the right to participate in evidentiary hearings and to appeal a final decision. A limited participant may receive many of the documents that will be submitted to the Department and may present written argument to the Department after evidentiary hearings conclude. A limited participant, however, may not participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding and has no right to appeal a decision.

Any person wishing to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant in this proceeding must file a written petition with the Hearing Officer (see Filing Instructions below). A petition to intervene or be a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03, the Department's procedural rules including the requirement that a petition to intervene must state the manner in which the petitioner is "substantially and specifically affected" by the Company's proposed Project. The regulations pertaining to intervention and limited participation can be found on the Department's website at: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case>.

Filing Instructions

Written comments on the Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be filed in two places:

First, the petition to intervene or participate, and comments, must be filed with the Siting Board in electronic format, by email or email attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov; and to [INSERT] no later than the close of business on [INSERT]. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-95); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description 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.

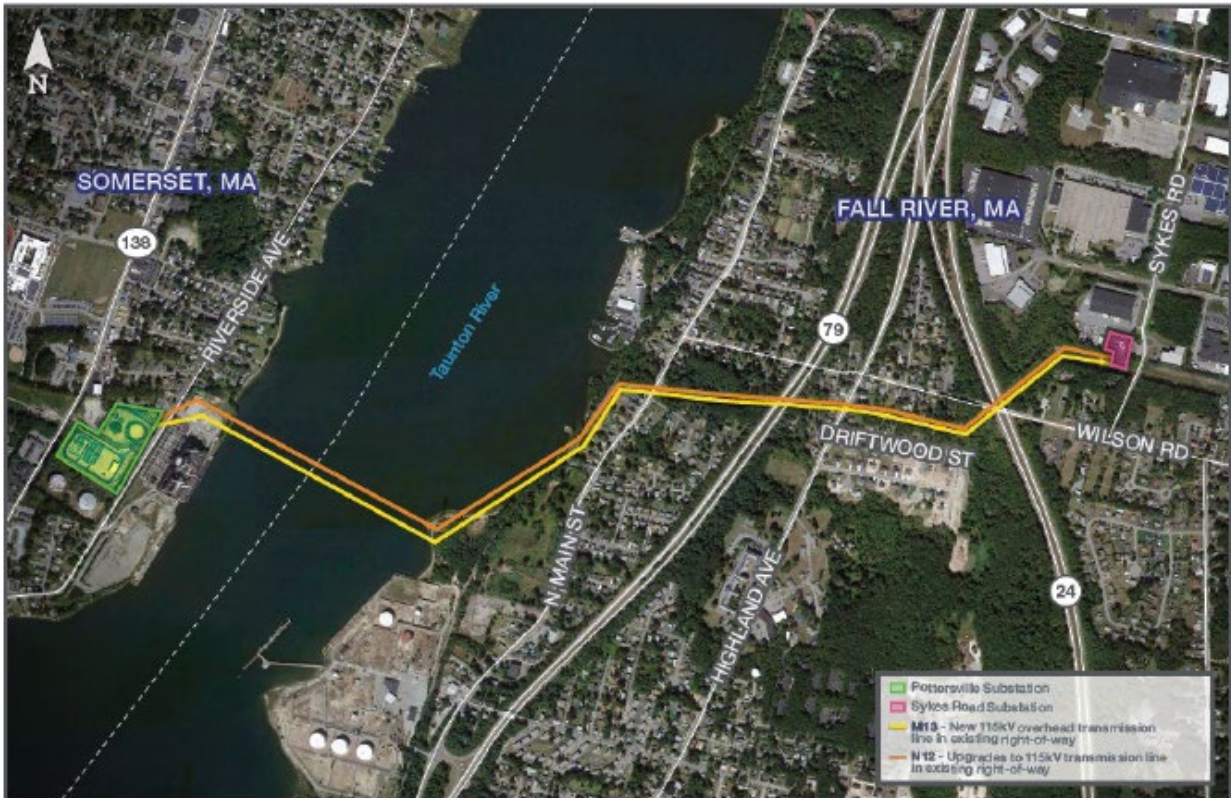
Second, the petition or comments must be sent electronically to counsel for the Company, David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, MA 02110, drosen@keeganwerlin.com.

Department Jurisdiction

Under G.L. c. 164, § 72, the Department will determine whether the proposed Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

Figure 1: The Project

N12/M13 TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE PROJECT
SOMERSET AND FALL RIVER, MA nationalgrid



This figure is available at the following link:

<https://www.southcoastreliabilityprojects.com/N12M13-Upgrade/index.html>

Project Description

The Company maintains that the Project is needed to ensure the reliability of the electric transmission system in Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The Project will be located within an existing electric transmission line right-of-way (“ROW”) that extends from NEP’s Pottersville Switching Station in Somerset, Massachusetts to Sykes Road Substation in Fall River. This ROW is currently occupied by two 115 kV overhead transmission circuits called the N12 and the M13 Lines. For approximately 1.85 miles, these lines are supported on double circuit steel lattice towers (i.e., the two circuits, each consisting of three individual phase conductors, share the same series of towers within the ROW). The Project involves the removal of the existing double circuit steel lattice towers and the construction of two sets of single circuit steel monopoles and conductors to carry the separated N12 and M13 Lines. With certain limited

exceptions, the Project will be constructed entirely within NEP's existing ROW. The Project also includes some minor modifications at the Sykes Road Substation to interconnect the N12 and M13 Lines into the station.

Public Review of the Company's Petition

The general location, layout, dimensions, and configuration of the Project are shown on maps and plans included in or as attachments to the Company's petition. Copies of the Company's petition, including all attachments, are available for public inspection in hard-copy format at the following locations:

- Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02110
- Fall River City Clerk; One Government Center, Room 227; Fall River, MA 02722
- Fall River Public Library; 104 North Main Street; Fall River, MA 02720
- Somerset Town Clerk; Somerset Town Hall; 140 Wood Street; Somerset, MA 02726
- Somerset Public Library; 1464 County Street; Somerset, MA 02726

In addition, the Company's petition, including all attachments, are electronically available via the Department website at: **[INSERT]**. In addition, the Department has created a special information webpage for this proceeding and will update it during the course of the proceeding: **[INSERT]**.

The public may access the National Grid webpage for the Proposed Project in the links provided here: <https://www.southcoastreliabilityprojects.com/N12M13-Upgrade/index.html>.

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, or audio format) contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov.

Accommodation Requests

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a complete description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Please allow at least two weeks (14 days) advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but we may be unable to fulfill the request. Please send your requests to: Melixza G. Esenyie, ADA and Diversity Manager at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs at Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov or call 617-626-1282 no later than **[INSERT]**.

Spanish, European Portuguese, and Cape Verdean interpretation services will be provided for the public comment hearing. Additional language interpretation for those with limited English language proficiency are available upon request. Include in your request the language required, and a way to contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible, by **[INSERT]**, if possible. Contact the Hearing Officer (contact information below).

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, including information about intervention or participation in the proceeding may also contact the Hearing Officer at the address or telephone number below:

[INSERT], Hearing Officer
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

[INSERT]
[INSERT]