

***Community-based organizations and tribal organizations are receiving this email at the request of the MEPA office in accordance with the new Environmental Justice protocol that went into effect on January 1, 2022. Translated versions of this email are attached in Spanish, European Portuguese, Brazilian Portuguese, Cape Verdean Portuguese Creole, and K'iche'.***

## **ADVANCE NOTICE OF MEPA SINGLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FILING**

### **EEA 15941 Eversource Energy and National Grid Acushnet to Fall River Reliability Project – Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fall River, and New Bedford**

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) and New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”) (together, the “Companies”) propose to construct, operate, and maintain an approximately 12.1-mile 115-kilovolt primarily overhead electric transmission line along existing rights-of-way between Eversource’s Industrial Park Tap in Acushnet, Massachusetts and National Grid’s Bell Rock Substation in Fall River, Massachusetts (the “Project”). Approximately 7.9 miles of the Project will be in Acushnet, New Bedford and Dartmouth and will be owned and operated by Eversource, and approximately 4.2 miles will be in Fall River and will be owned and operated by National Grid.

The Companies submitted an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (“EENF”) for the Project to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (“MEPA”) Office on November 15, 2018. The MEPA Office published notice of the EENF for public review in the Environmental Monitor on November 21, 2018. On December 28, 2018, the Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs issued a Certificate (“Certificate”) on the EENF filing (EEA No. 15941). The Certificate issued by the Secretary scoped the Companies to prepare a Single Environmental Impact Report (“SEIR”) for the Project. The Companies are actively preparing the SEIR to address Project updates and the items scoped by the Secretary in the Certificate and anticipate submittal to the MEPA Office during the Spring of 2022.

Copies of the EENF filing and the Secretary’s Certificate on the EENF can be found on the Project websites listed below. The Project Overview section of the EENF translated into Español, Português, Cape Verdean Kriol, and K’iche are also available on the Project websites. Additionally, Project overview presentations from Public Open House meetings held in June and July 2021 translated into Español and Português are available on the Project websites.

Public notice will be provided upon the filing of the SEIR with the MEPA Office, including information on public comment periods and comment submittal deadlines. This notice will be published in the MEPA Environmental Monitor and within newspapers in general circulation in the project area (The Herald News, The Standard Times, and the O Jornal). The notice will be provided to this group of community-based organizations and tribal organizations, the MEPA Distribution List (that includes State Agencies and Local Municipal Elected Officials, Departments and Commissions) and abutters within 300ft of the project route.

For more information about the Eversource portion of the Acushnet to Fall River Reliability Project, visit <https://www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/residential/about/transmission-distribution/projects/massachusetts-projects/acushnet-to-fall-river-reliability-project>, send an email Eversource at [ProjectInfo@eversource.com](mailto:ProjectInfo@eversource.com) or call 800-793-2202.

For more information specific to National Grid's Fall River portion of the project, visit [www.southcoastreliabilityprojects.com](http://www.southcoastreliabilityprojects.com), send an email to National Grid at [Info@SouthCoastReliabilityProjects.com](mailto:Info@SouthCoastReliabilityProjects.com) or call 833-233-7277.

To request translation of additional documents contained within the EENF or the Secretary's Certificate on the EENF into a language other than English or to request a Project Information webinar for your organization, please send an email Eversource at [ProjectInfo@eversource.com](mailto:ProjectInfo@eversource.com) or call 800-793-2202.