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August 7, 2020

M. Kathryn Sedor, Presiding Officer  
Energy Facilities Siting Board  
One South Station, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, EFSB 16-02/D.P.U. 16-77

Dear Ms. Sedor:

This letter is in response to the requirement set forth in Condition P of the Energy Facilities Siting Board's Final Decision in EFSB 16-02/D.P.U. 16-77, dated May 18, 2018, relating to the petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (the "Company") to construct, operate and maintain the West Roxbury to Needham Project (the "Project").

Condition P of the Final Decision at 84 provides as follows:

The Siting Board directs the Company to submit to the Siting Board an updated and certified cost estimate for the Project prior to the commencement of construction. Additionally, the Siting Board directs the Company to file semi-annual compliance reports with the Siting Board starting within 180 days of the commencement of construction, that include projected and actual construction costs and explanations for any discrepancies between projected and actual costs and completion dates, and an explanation of the Company's internal capital authorization approval process.

Pursuant to Condition P, the Company's current updated cost estimate for the Project remains \$45.7 million, which is consistent with the cost estimate provided in the Company's February 2020 Condition P compliance filing. Also, there has been no change to the Company's previously-provided Project Authorization Policy, which sets forth the Company's capital authorization approval process.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. Rosenzweig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David S. Rosenzweig

Enclosures

cc: Service List

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD**

NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy	)	)	)	)	EFSB 16-02/D.P.U. 16-77
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have this day served the foregoing upon the Energy Facilities Siting Board and the Service List in the above-docketed proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 980 C.M.R. 1.03 (Siting Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure).



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Dated: August 7, 2020

# **West Roxbury-Needham Transmission Project**

## **Condition P Compliance Filing**

**August 7, 2020**

**NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy**

**EFSB 16-02/D.P.U. 16-77**

In Condition P of the Final Decision issued on May 18, 2018 for the West Roxbury-Needham Transmission Project (the “Project”), the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“EFSB”) directed NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (“Eversource” or the “Company”) to submit to the EFSB an updated and certified cost estimate for the Project prior to the commencement of construction. Additionally, the EFSB directed Eversource to file semi-annual compliance reports with the EFSB starting within 180 days of the commencement of construction, that include projected and actual construction costs and explanations for any discrepancies between projected and actual costs and completion dates, and an explanation of the Company’s internal capital authorization approval process.

On June 14, 2018, the Company submitted its pre-construction updated and certified cost estimate and construction of the Project began on August 14, 2018. On February 20, 2019, the Company submitted its initial semi-annual Condition P Compliance Report to the EFSB with projected and actual construction costs, as well as an update on scheduling and a description of the Company’s internal capital authorization approval process. On August 15, 2019, the Company submitted its second semi-annual Condition P Compliance Report to the EFSB. On February 13, 2020, the Company submitted its third semi-annual Condition P Compliance Report to the EFSB.

In this fourth Condition P Compliance Report, the Company provides projected and actual construction costs, as well as projected completion dates, as required pursuant to Condition P. The projected cost for the Project remains at \$45.7 million, the same amount projected in the February 13, 2020 Condition P filing. The actual cost incurred as of June 30, 2020 is \$35 million. The projected cost includes actual costs as of June 30, 2020, plus remaining forecasted items.

As indicated in the Company’s February 13, 2020 filing, work on the overhead portion of the Project is substantially complete, except for clean-up work removing the old overhead conductors. The conductors will be removed by the completion date of the underground portion of the Project.<sup>1</sup> The projected completion date for the underground portion of the Project was extended by two months from October 2020 to December 2020. The increase in time primarily reflects greater than anticipated underground utility congestion and ledge in the path of the conduit.

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<sup>1</sup> Because the project is a double-circuit tower separation, the existing conductor and arms are still in place and energized. Once the new line is energized in December, the existing line can be deenergized and the conductors removed.