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Re: Northeast Energy Center LLC, EFSB 18-04/D.P.U. 18-96

Dear Mr. Avery:

Enclosed please find the final Notice of Adjudication and Notice of Public Comment Hearing (“Notice”) for the above-captioned proceeding, and the final Please Read cover sheet (“Please Read Letter”), to be served with the Notice.

Two versions of the Notice are attached. The longer version (which has both a Project-area map and a Table of the pipeline routes) is to be used for abutter notification (“Abutter Notice”). The shorter version (without the Table) may be used for newspaper publication (“Newspaper Notice”). The Company may, if it wishes, elect to use the longer Abutter Notice for the Newspaper Notice.

Listed below are the translation, publication, placement, posting, service, and return of service requirements for the Notice and the Please Read Letter.

1. Publication of the Notice

The Newspaper Notice is to be published once a week for a minimum of two consecutive weeks prior to the May 29, 2019 public comment hearing, with the first publication to occur no later than 14 days before the date of the public comment hearing. Publication is to be made in the following four newspapers:

- Worcester Telegram and Telegraph;
- Charlton Villager;
- Southbridge Evening News; and
- Sturbridge Villager

2. Posting of the Notice

Beginning at least two weeks prior to the May 29, 2019 public comment hearing, the Abutter Notice in both English and in Spanish is to be posted in the following places, and should remain there until the close of the intervention period, Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

- Charlton Town Clerk, Town Hall, 37 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507
- Charlton Public Library, 40 Main Street, Charlton, MA 01507
- Sturbridge Town Clerk, Town Hall, 308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566
- Joshua Hyde Public Library, 306 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566
- Southbridge Town Clerk, Town Hall, 41 Elm Street, Southbridge, MA 01550
- Jacob Edwards Library, 236 Main Street, Southbridge, MA 01550

Beginning at least two weeks before the public comment hearing, and for the remainder of the proceeding, until the Siting Board has issued a final decision, the Company shall post (1) the Abutter Notice in both English and Spanish, and (2) both the Amended Siting Board Petition and Amended Zoning Petition, including all attachments, on its website, in a place and format easily accessed and downloaded by members of the public.

The Company shall discuss with Towns of Charlton, Sturbridge, and Southbridge whether it is possible to post the Abutter Notice or Newspaper Notice on the Town website or, if a Town cannot accommodate the Notice, whether it is possible to put on the Town website some of the most relevant information regarding the public comment hearing, such as the time, date and place, and a brief description of the Project and its location. If feasible, information regarding the Project and the public comment hearing should be posted in both English and Spanish electronically, as discussed above. If a Town suggests an alternative means for providing effective notice to the community regarding the Project and the public comment hearing, the Company may adopt the Town's suggestion, and should make note of it in the Company's return of service.

3. Placement of the Amended Petitions for Public Review

Copies of both Amended Petitions, including attachments, should be placed in the public libraries and town clerk offices listed in Section 2, above. The Petitions should remain available for public review until this proceeding has concluded and a Final Decision has been issued. To the extent that earlier versions of the petitions remain in the libraries or town clerk's offices, those petitions should be removed.

4. Service of the Notice

- The Abutter Notice in English shall be served on all persons entitled to receive the Notice.
- Property owners are to be determined using the most recent applicable municipal tax lists.
- Service on a multi-owner address, such as a condominium association, requires individual service on each condominium owner.
- With respect to the proposed LNG Facility, the Company shall send by U.S. mail: a copy of the Notice in English and the Please Read Letter in English and in Spanish to all owners of property within ½ mile of the Facility fenceline, for both the preferred site and the two alternative sites. The Spanish version of the Please Read Letter should include a statement that the Notice can be viewed in English and in Spanish on the Siting Board website, at:
<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFSB18-04>
- With respect to all potential gate or meter stations, the Company shall send by U.S. mail: a copy of the Notice in English and the Please Read Letter in English and Spanish to all owners of property within ¼ mile of gate/meter station fencelines.
- With respect to all proposed pipeline routes and new or enlarged access roads, the Company shall send by U.S. mail a copy of the Notice in English and the Please Read Letter in English and in Spanish to all owners of property abutting the outermost edge of the pipeline ROWs and access road ROWs; owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way; and abutters to the abutters within 300 feet of the outermost edge of the ROW.
- In addition, the full Notice in Spanish shall be served on all Southbridge abutters, as defined above (census tract 7571).
- A copy of the Notice in English and in Spanish shall be sent to the Charlton, Sturbridge and Southbridge Planning Boards; the Planning Board of each city or town abutting Charlton, Sturbridge or Southbridge; and the Town Manager and Chair of the Board of Selectmen for each of these municipalities.
- The Notice also should be sent to the Charlton Planning Department Director, the Charlton DPW Director, the Charlton Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, and the Charlton Conservation Commission Chair.
- The Notice should be sent by first class mail, not by certified mail. Please mail all documents so that they are received at least two weeks before the May 29,

2019 public comment hearing.

- A copy of the Notice in Spanish should be filed electronically with the Presiding Officer once it has been produced, for posting on the Siting Board website.

5. **Confirmation of Publication, Posting, Translation, Service and Placement**

At the May 29, 2019 public comment hearing, you will be asked to confirm translation, publication, posting, service and placement of the Notice, Please Read Letter, and Amended Petitions. Confirmation should include (1) an affidavit from the person(s) responsible for compliance with the requirements set forth in this letter; and (2) tear sheets from each of the newspapers used for publication, and (3) a list of the names and addresses of property owners who have been sent a copy of the Abutter Notice and Please Read Letter. To the extent that property owners or their addresses cannot be identified, the confirmation of service should reflect the reason for the inability to identify those owners.

Very truly yours,

M. Kathryn Sedor

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Presiding Officer

Enclosures