

**NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

EFSB 22-02/DPU 22-18/DPU 22-19

Medway Grid, LLC

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 25, 2022, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J ¼, Medway Grid, LLC (“Medway Grid” or the “Company”) filed a petition with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) to construct a 250 megawatt (MW), 500 megawatt hour (MWh) standalone battery energy storage system (“BESS”) including a new electric substation, on approximately 10.6 acres of land to be located in the Town of Medway (the “Town” or “Medway”) (the “Medway Grid Energy Storage Project” or the “Project”). On February 25, 2022, Medway Grid also submitted to the Department of Public Utilities (the “DPU”), pursuant to G.L. c. 40A § 3, a petition for an individual and comprehensive exemptions from the Town’s Zoning Bylaws and a petition, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, to construct a new 345 kV underground transmission line. The Company requested that the Department consolidate these dockets to allow review of all three dockets by the Siting Board. On **[INSERT DATE]** the Department granted the Company’s Motion to Consolidate. The Siting Board will review the Petition to determine whether construction can commence on the Project, including construction of the underground transmission line and be exempt from the Town’s Zoning Bylaws.

Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Siting Board will conduct a remote public comment hearing using Zoom videoconferencing regarding the Project at 7:00 p.m., on **[INSERT DATE]**, 2022. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: **[INSERT LINK]** from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **1-XXX-XXXX** (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# **[INSERT]**. 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 DATE]**. 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 DATE]**. At the remote public comment hearing, Medway Grid will present an overview of the proposed Project. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the proposed Project. The public comment hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. The public may also file written comments; please see “Filing Instructions” at the end of this Notice. Written comments will be accepted by the Siting Board until 5:00 p.m. on **[INSERT DATE]**.

Project Description

Medway Grid, LLC (the “Applicant” or the “Company” or “Medway Grid”) proposes to construct a 250 MW/500 MWh battery energy storage system and an ancillary new electric substation (“the Project Substation”), to be located on the south side of Milford Street (Route 109) in the Town of Medway, Massachusetts (“the Project Site”) The Project is designed to utilize lithium-ion batteries, which will be housed in approximately 140 above-ground enclosures on an approximately 10.6-acres in size and contains approximately 0.85 acres of previously developed areas associated with three existing residences and an existing automotive repair facility. Of the 10.6-acre Project Site, approximately 5.2 acres will be developed for the BESS and the ancillary Project Substation

The function of this substation is to take the routed power output from the BESS to a 34.5kV collection switchgear and step it up to a transmission voltage of 345 kV to allow the power from the BESS to be connected to the Eversource Substation via the proposed Transmission Interconnection. The Proposed Transmission Interconnection will run south and west, from the Project Site, crossing two Eversource-controlled parcels to connect to the existing Eversource Substation. The proposed underground transmission line will require the clearing of vegetation up to 25-feet-wide along its 1,325-foot corridor. An approximately 12-foot-wide gravel roadway will be installed over the underground transmission line within this 25-foot-wide corridor to provide permanent access to the Transmission Interconnection.

The BESS will be surrounded by a combination of a minimum 8-foot-high security fence in certain sections and a 22-foot-high sound attenuation barrier wall. The sound attenuation barrier is approximately 1,280 feet in length, located along the north and east sides of the BESS. Access gates will be locked at all times and only accessible by qualified personnel.

As part of the Project, the Company is also proposing to construct a new 345kV underground transmission line interconnection (“the Proposed Transmission Interconnection”) from the proposed Project Substation to Eversource Energy’s existing West Medway Substation

("the Eversource Substation"), a distance of approximately 1,325 linear feet.

The Project Site is currently zoned as a Residential/Agricultural district (AR-II district), which does not allow a BESS to be constructed as of right. Moreover, the Project involves construction of a project substation that will contain components, which exceed the height limits of the AR-II district. Per the Town's by-laws, no variances and/or Special Permits are allowed. Specifically, the zoning exemptions required for this Project include, use, height, lot shape and environmental standards. The Company has also requested approval of a comprehensive zoning exemption from the Town's Zoning Bylaws.

The Project was awarded a capacity contract in the Southeastern New England ("SENE") capacity zone, via the Forward Capacity Auction ("FCA") 15, based upon its ability to provide this needed capacity by June 1, 2024, at the most competitive price. The Project will store electricity, during times of oversupply, and dispatch the electricity, during times of peak demand onto the electric grid.

Public Review of the Company's Petition

Electronic copies of Able Grid's petition and attachments have been submitted to the Town of Medway. Copies of the Petition and all attachments are available for public inspection in electronic format at the following locations: Department of Public Utilities' website at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFSB22-02>, or by requesting an electronic copy of the filing from the Company's attorney, Andrew O. Kaplan, email address: akaplan@pierceatwood.com.

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

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board's 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 this proceeding, including the right to participate in evidentiary hearings, and grants the right to appeal a final order. A limited participant would receive documents that will be submitted to the Department and may present written argument to the Department after evidentiary hearings conclude but is not permitted to actively participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding and does not have the right to appeal the final order. 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. A petition to intervene or a petition to participate as a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03(1). To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to 220 CMR 1.03(1) must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. For additional information, see:

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case>.

Filing Instructions

Written comments on the Company's Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be filed as follows: All comments and petitions must be filed with the Department in electronic format by e-mail or e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov; geneen.bartley@mass.gov; and **[INSERT]** no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **[INSERT DATE]**. The commenter or petitioner must retain a hard copy of the comment or petition and send said hard copy to the Department if requested. The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 21-02); (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. In addition, all comments and petitions must be sent electronically to counsel for Medway Grid, Andrew O. Kaplan, Esq., Pierce Atwood at akaplan@pierceatwood.com, cc'd to Anne O'Hanlon at aohanlon@pierceatwood.com.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way the Department can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests may not be able to be accommodated. Contact the Department's ADA coordinator at Melixza.Esenyie2@mass.gov. Interpretation services 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 the Hearing Officer needs more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Last minute requests may not be able to be accommodated. Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, including information regarding intervention or participation in the proceeding, may also contact the Hearing Officer at the telephone number or email address:

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