

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
ENERGY FACILITIES SITING BOARD
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION AND
PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

EFSB 22-02/D.P.U. 22-18/22-19

Medway Grid, LLC

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 25, 2022, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69J¼, Medway Grid, LLC (“Medway Grid” or “Company”) filed a petition with the Massachusetts 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, Massachusetts (the “Medway Grid Energy Storage Project” or the “Project”). On February 25, 2022, Medway Grid also submitted to the Department of Public Utilities, pursuant to G.L. c. 40A § 3, a petition for an individual and comprehensive exemptions from the Town of Medway’s Zoning Bylaws, and a petition, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72, to construct a new 345 kV underground transmission line to connect the Project to the West Medway Substation.

The Siting Board will conduct a remote public comment hearing using Zoom videoconferencing regarding the Project at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87406929164> 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 Meeting ID# **874 0692 9164**.

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 **Tuesday, July 12, 2022**. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message at (617) 305-3529 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **Tuesday, July 12, 2022**. Additional commenters may be allowed during the public comment hearing at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.

Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board 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 **dpu.efiling@mass.gov** and to **Robert.J.Shea@mass.gov** no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, July 27, 2022**.

The Siting Board has created a special information webpage for this proceeding and will update it during the course of the proceeding: **<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/medway-grid-battery-project>**.

Public Comment Hearing

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. A recording of the public comment hearing will be posted to the Department's [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcklPj6xxSKww-Kr26lEZVTA) after the hearing <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcklPj6xxSKww-Kr26lEZVTA>. 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 **Wednesday, July 27, 2022**.

Siting Board Jurisdiction

Under G.L. c. 164, §§ 69H, 69J^{1/4}, the Siting Board will review the Company's filing to determine whether the Project would contribute to a reliable energy supply with a minimum impact on the environment at the lowest possible cost. Under G.L. c. 164, § 72, the Siting Board will determine whether the proposed Project is necessary, serves the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest. Under G.L. c. 40A, § 3, the Siting Board will determine whether the requested zoning exemptions in Medway are required for the Project and whether the present or proposed use of the land or structures is reasonably necessary for the public convenience or welfare.

Project Description

Medway Grid proposes to construct a 250 MW/500 MWh battery energy storage system and a new electric substation ("Project Substation"), to be located on the south side of Milford Street (Route 109) in the Town of Medway ("Project Site"). The Project is designed to use lithium-ion batteries, which will be housed in approximately 140 above-ground enclosures on an approximately 10.6-acre lot. Approximately 0.85 acres of the lot consists 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 Project Substation.

The BESS will be bounded 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 authorized personnel.

The function of the Project Substation is to take the power output from the BESS to a 34.5 kV 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 existing NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") West Medway Substation via a proposed 1,325-foot transmission interconnection. The proposed transmission interconnection will run underground south and west from the Project Site, crossing two Eversource-controlled parcels to connect to the Eversource substation. The proposed underground transmission line will require the clearing of vegetation up to 25-foot-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 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 or Special Permits are allowed. The Company has therefore requested Siting Board approval of individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the Town's Zoning Bylaws.

The Project was awarded a capacity supply contract from the Independent System Operator-New England based upon its ability to provide needed capacity in the Southeastern New England capacity zone by June 1, 2024, at the most competitive price. The Project will re-charge the batteries from power supplied by the electric grid during periods of ample system supply, and dispatch electric power back onto the electric grid during times of peak demand.

Public Review of the Company's Petition

Electronic copies of Medway Grid's Petition and attachments have been submitted to the Town of Medway. Hard copies of the Petition and all attachments are available for public inspection at the Office of the Medway Town Clerk, 155 Village Street, Medway, and at the Medway Public Library, 26 High Street, Medway, MA 02053. Copies of the Petition and all attachments are available in electronic format at the following locations: Siting Board's website at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFSB22-02;> the Town of Medway website: <https://www.townofmedway.org/planning-economic-development-board/pages/medway-grid-llc-petition;> and the Company website at: <https://www.medwaygridproject.com/>

In addition, the public may request an electronic copy of the filing from the Company's attorney, Andrew O. Kaplan at: 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 decision. A limited participant would receive documents that will be submitted to the Siting Board and may present written argument to the Siting Board after evidentiary hearings conclude. A limited participant, however, is generally not permitted to actively participate in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding and does not have the right to appeal the final 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 Presiding Officer.

A petition to intervene or a petition to participate as a limited participant must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 980 CMR 1.05(1). To be allowed, a petition to intervene filed pursuant to 980 CMR 1.05(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 Siting Board in electronic format by e-mail or e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov; geneen.bartley@mass.gov; and robert.j.shea@mass.gov no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, July 27, 2022** . The text of the email must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (EFSB 22-02/D.P.U. 22-18/ 22-19); (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@pierceanwood.com, cc'd to Anne O'Hanlon at aohanlon@pierceanwood.com.

Accommodation Requests

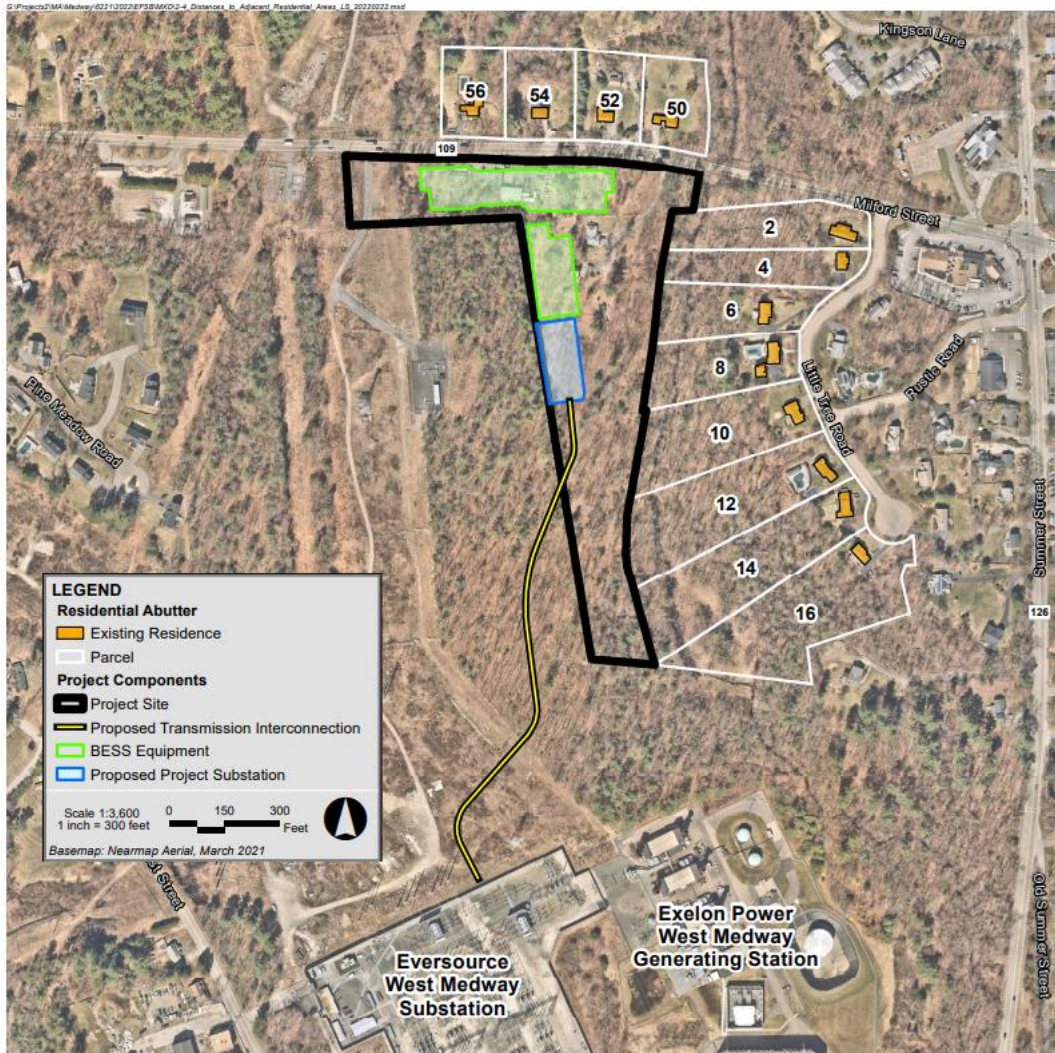
Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a complete description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible. Please allow at least two weeks (14 days) advance 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 **July 6, 2022**.

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 Presiding Officer needs more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible, by **July 6, 2022**, if possible. We may not be able to accommodate last minute requests. Contact the Presiding Officer (contact information below).

Any person desiring further information regarding this Notice, including information regarding intervention or participation in the proceeding, may contact the Presiding Officer:

Robert J. Shea, Presiding Officer
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
617-851-4246
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Medway Grid Project Site Map



Source: Petition to Construct, Figure 2-4

<https://fileservice.ea.comacloud.net/FileService.Api/file/FileRoom/14558060#page=24>)

Proposed View from Milford Street, Rt. 109 After Construction



PROPOSED VIEW Generated 2/10/2022