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-- UPDATED INFORMATION --

Exelon Expansion Site Plan – 34 West & 9 Summer Streets
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Tuesday, March 22, 2016

In accordance with the Medway Zoning Bylaw, Section 3. Administration, Sub-Section 3.5 Site Plan Review and certain provisions of Chapter 40A, Massachusetts General Laws, notice is hereby given that the Medway Planning and Economic Development Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:45 p.m. in the School Committee Presentation Room, Medway Middle School, 45 Holliston Street, Medway, MA to consider the application of Exelon West Medway LLC and Exelon West Medway II, LLC of Kennett Square, PA for approval of a major site plan to construct West Medway II, a fast-starting peaking facility at 34 West & 9 Summer Streets.

The proposed project is for an expansion of the existing three-turbine, oil fired, 135 mega-watt West Medway Generating Station peak power generating facility. The planned expansion entails the construction of two 100-megawatt (MW) simple-cycle peaking electric combustion turbine generators and associated equipment and appurtenances on approximately 13 acres of the 94 acre property. Each of the two stacks will be 160’ tall. The generators will run primarily on natural gas using low sulfur diesel oil as a back-up.

The project will interconnect with Eversource via an approximately 1,200 linear foot overhead circuit from a transformer to the Eversource switchyard on the western portion of the Property utilized and controlled by Eversource through an easement agreement. The energy generated by the project will be distributed by Eversource to the Southeast Massachusetts/Rhode Island load zone to help meet energy demand during peak times.

The project includes a control/administration and facility services building, a trailer-mounted demineralizer system, an enclosed gas compressor station, a one-million gallon fuel oil tank, a 500,000 gallon service water tank, a 450,000 gallon demineralized water storage tank, a 12,000 gallon fully-diked and covered aqueous ammonia storage tank, advanced emissions control equipment, and a perimeter access road. Access to the site will be controlled via a motorized security gate located off the relocated main site access driveway from Summer Street. The proposed facility will also include full acoustical enclosures for the
gas turbines and generators, a 55’ high noise wall, and a full complement of acoustical controls. A 3,080 linear foot lateral interconnection to the existing Algonquin Gas pipeline is also planned along with an associated 14’ x 50’ building to contain flow control and metering equipment, and a 12’ by 16’ building to contain gas monitoring and analysis equipment.

The subject property is bordered on the north by land abutting Route 109/Milford Street, on the east by Route 126/Summer Street and adjacent properties, and on the south and west by West Street and adjacent properties. The specific lots where the installation is planned are Medway Assessors Map/Parcels 66-012, 66-013, 56-001, 56-002, 56-003, and 56-004. The property is owned by Exelon West Medway LLC, and Eversource. The majority of the property is located within the Industrial II zoning district, with a small portion located in the Agricultural Residential II zoning district.

A Petition to Construct was filed with the Massachusetts Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) and a Petition for a Zoning Exemption was filed with the Department of Public Utilities. The Petitions were consolidated and are currently under review by the EFSB. Whether the project is allowed is solely within the jurisdiction of the EFSB. The role of the Planning and Economic Board is limited to addressing various site design and engineering issues only.

The application, site plan drawings and supporting documentation were filed with the Town of Medway on February 9, 2016. The site plan drawings were compiled by Beals and Thomas of Southborough, MA. The complete application, proposed site plan, and other application documents are on file with the Medway Town Clerk and the Planning and Economic Development office at the Medway Town Hall, 155 Village Street, Medway, MA and may be reviewed Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The plans and application documents will be posted at the Planning and Economic Development Board’s website at: http://www.townofmedway.org/Pages/MedwayMA_Bcomm/PlanEcon/ApplicationsDocs/recent

Interested persons or parties are invited to review the plans, attend the public hearing, and express their views at the designated time and place. Written comments are encouraged and may be forwarded to planningboard@townofmedway.org. Questions should be directed to the Planning and Economic Development office at 508-533-3291.

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Chairman

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