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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION

831 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139



POLE AND CONDUIT COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

Link: https://cambridgema.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KuHYCsMiQcu30DXTmRkVDq

This meeting is held remotely in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor.


- 1. Ratification of Modified Vote [Matter Heard October 24, 2024] Petition #288441 - Eversource Energy**, to install a 115 kv underground system as part of their Greater Cambridge Energy Project at Vassar Street. Commission granted pending submission Memorandum of Understanding (2-1, Chair Murati Ferrer voted to designate Commissioner Shea to vote on petition once the Memorandum of Understanding was executed and received.) Post meeting, it was determined the vote should be corrected and was recorded to be as: *Granted pending submission Memorandum of Understanding and with typical conditions (2-1, Chair Murati Ferrer voted to designate Commissioner Shea to vote on petition once the Memorandum of Understanding was executed and received.)*.
- 2. Ratification of Modified Vote [Matter Heard October 24, 2024] Petition #288443 - Eversource Energy**, to install a 115 kv cable encased in conduit as part of their Greater Cambridge Energy Project at Third Street. Commission granted pending submission Memorandum of Understanding (2-1, Chair Murati Ferrer voted to designate Commissioner Shea to vote on petition once the Memorandum of Understanding was executed and received.) Post meeting, it was determined the vote should be corrected and was recorded to be as: *Granted pending submission Memorandum of Understanding and with typical conditions (2-1, Chair Murati Ferrer voted to designate Commissioner Shea to vote on petition once the Memorandum of Understanding was executed and received.)*.
- 3. Ratification of Modified Vote [Matter Heard October 24, 2024] Petition #288448 - Eversource Energy**, to install a 115 kv electric line encased in conduit as part of their Greater Cambridge Energy Project at Cambridge Street. At the meeting, the Commission granted pending submission Memorandum of Understanding (2-1, Chair Murati Ferrer voted to designate Commissioner Shea to vote on petition once the Memorandum of Understanding was executed and received.) Post meeting, it was determined the vote should be corrected and was recorded to be as: *Granted pending submission Memorandum of Understanding and with typical conditions (2-1, Chair Murati Ferrer voted to designate Commissioner Shea to vote on petition once the Memorandum of Understanding was executed and received.)*.
- 4. New petition (288439) - Eversource Energy**, 38 Resnick Road, Plymouth, MA 02360, for the following: Ames Street - Eversource is proposing to install a 115kv cable for transmission and distribution.
- 5. New petition (288446) - Eversource Energy**, 38 Resnick Road, Plymouth, MA 02360, for the following: Broadway and Third Street - Eversource is seeking permission to install a 115 kv electrical line encased in conduit.
- 6. Continuation from July 18, 2024 - Tolling Agreement entered - Continued while there is an agreement reached with Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for the installation, and Verizon submits a new plan and test pits are performed (271968) - Crown Castle**, 1800 West Park Drive, Westborough, MA, 01581, for the following: Main Street - Crown Castle is proposing to install a total of approximately 57 feet of conduit - from

Eversource manhole 782 on Main Street at Broadway to a proposed Crown Castle handhole in the sidewalk - approximately 47 feet, then from the proposed Crown Castle handhole to a relocated Small Cell node location - approximately 3 feet, and from there approximately 7 feet from new node location towards the curb, to be stubbed and capped on the street side of the curb, to be connected to future proposed conduit by Verizon. The existing City pole will be removed, and it will be replaced with a "look-a-like" pole matching City of Cambridge style.

- 7. Continuation from July 18, 2024 while there is an agreement reached with Cambridge Redevelopment Authority for the installation, and Verizon submits a new plan and test pits are performed (275969) - Verizon New England**, 125 Lundquist Drive Braintree, MA 02184, for the following: Main Street - Verizon to place 80'x2' of new conduit from MH319 on Main Street to Crown Castle shared handhole on Main Street.
- 8. Continuation from August 22, 2024 for confirmation of DCR approval for work on Alewife Brook Parkway; MWRA 8M permits which need to be uploaded to the petition; test pits for the entire length of the corridor; confirmation as to whether they looked at using existing duct bank on the opposite side of the street and if so, reason why they are not using it; and survey results of existing conduit which need to be uploaded to the petition (281007) - Verizon New England**, 125 Lundquist Drive Braintree, MA 02184, for the following: Cambridge Park Drive - Verizon to place (4) new manholes and approximately 2,157 feet of conduit from proposed manhole, MH477D, on Cambridgepark Drive to the intersection with Alewife Brook Parkway.
- 9. New petition (1140140) - Verizon New England**, 125 Lundquist Drive Braintree, MA 02184, for the following: Brattle Street - Verizon to place approximately 110 feet of new conduit from existing MH219 on Brattle Street to 31 Brattle Street.
- 10. New petition (1140518) - Crown Castle**, 1800 West Park Drive, Westborough, MA, 01581, for the following: Granite Street, Gore Street and First Street - Crown Castle is proposing a modification to the existing antennas on Granite Street, Gore Street and First Street. Currently the existing antenna is 4' x 1.2'. The new antenna will measure 2' x 1.2'.
- 11. New petition (290334) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Mellen Street - Westerly then northerly from pole 479/7, approximately 330 feet east of Massachusetts Avenue, to private property at 11-13 Mellen Street, install approximately 99 feet of conduit.
- 12. New petition (1140338) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Mellen Street - Southeasterly from MHC491, at Massachusetts Avenue, to private property at 4 Mellen Street, install approximately 12 feet of conduit, and, northerly from MCH1592, east of Massachusetts Avenue, to pole 479/4, install approximately 40 feet of conduit.
- 13. New petition (1139578) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Palmer Street - Southwesterly from MHC1078, approximately 110 feet south of Church Street, to private property at 12 Palmer Street, install approximately 20 feet of conduit.
- 14. New petition (1140334) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Massachusetts Avenue - Westerly from MHC282, approximately 175 feet southeast of Brookline Street, to private property at 424 – 464 Massachusetts Avenue, install approximately 58 feet of conduit.
- 15. New petition (1140353) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Massachusetts Avenue - Southeasterly from MHC3499 and southeasterly from MHC3498, southeast of Albany Street, to Memorial Drive, install approximately 1,643 feet of conduit.

- 16. New petition (1140344) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Cambridge Street and Prospect Street - Northeastly from MHC348, at corner of Prospect Street and Cambridge Street, to MHC2431, install approximately 54 feet of conduit.
- 17. New petition (1140348) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Columbia Street at Cambridge Street - Northeastly from MHC2428 at Cambridge Street to private property at 1035 Columbia Street, install approximately 418 feet of conduit and one new manhole, MHC32501.
- 18. New petition (1142091) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Massachusetts Avenue and Hancock Street - Westerly from MHC362, at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Hancock Street, to private property at 922 Massachusetts Avenue, install approximately 23 feet of conduit.
- 19. New petition (1141322) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Mount Auburn Street - Northeastly from the Watertown/Cambridge town line to MHC1444(R) just east of Gerry's Landing Road, install approximately 3,785 feet of conduit and 10 new manholes, MHC32395, MHC32396, MHC32397, MHC32398, MHC32399, MHC32400, MHC32401, MHC32402, MHC32403 and MHC32404.
- 20. New petition (1141450) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Appian Way - Northeastly from MHC2034, approximately 120 feet northeast of Brattle Street, to private property at 57 Brattle Street, install approximately 20 feet of conduit. This is to provide electric service to 6 Appian Way.
- 21. New petition (1141978) - Eversource Energy**, 101 Linwood Street, Somerville, MA 02143, for the following: Larch Road and Larchwood Drive
Larch Road - Northerly from MHC709 at Brattle Street, to pole 426/3, install approximately 115 feet of conduit.
Larchwood Drive - Southerly from MHC3566, approximately 265 feet south of Fresh Pond Parkway, to private property at 16 Larchwood Drive, install approximately 20 feet of conduit.
- 22. Consideration of Meeting Minutes** - October 24, 2024.

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