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NOTICE: PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pursuant to the Rights-of-Way Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00) in order to apply pesticides to control vegetation to maintain Rights-of Ways, the Department of Agricultural Resources must approve a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP). The VMP is intended to justify the need to control vegetation, identify target vegetation, describe the intended methods of control, describe methods for identifying sensitive areas, describe operational guidelines for applicators, outline a program of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) designed to reduce the use of herbicides, and describe alternative land use activities.

The following municipalities are advised that NSTAR Electric & Gas Company proposes to utilize herbicides to treat their Rights-of-Way:

Abington- Transmission	Cambridge- Electric/Gas	Holbrook- Transmission
Acton- Electric/Gas	Canton- Electric	Holden- Gas
Acushnet- Electric/Gas	Carlisle- Electric	Holliston- Electric/Gas
Arlington- Electric	Carver- Electric/Gas	Hopedale- Gas
Aquinnah - Electric	Chatham- Electric	Hopkinton- Electric/Gas
Ashland- Electric/Gas	Chelsea- Electric	Hudson- Gas
Assonet- Electric/Gas	Chilmark- Electric	Hyannis- Electric
Auburn- Gas	Dartmouth- Electric/Gas	Hyde Park- Electric/Gas
Avon- Transmission	Dedham- Electric/Gas	Kingston- Electric/Gas
Barnstable- Electric	Dennis- Electric	Lakeville- Electric
Bedford- Electric	Dover- Electric/Gas	Leicester- Gas
Bellingham- Electric	Duxbury- Electric	Lexington- Electric
Belmont- Gas	East Bridgewater- Trans	Lincoln Electric
Berlin- Gas	Eastham- Electric	Marion- Electric/Gas
Blackstone- Transmission	Edgartown- Electric	Marlborough- Gas
Bolton- Gas	Fairhaven- Electric/Gas	Marshfield- Electric
Boston- Electric	Fall River- Transmission	Martha's Vineyard- Electric
Bourne- Electric	Falmouth- Electric	Mashpee- Electric
Boylston- Gas	Framingham- Electric/Gas	Mattapoissett- Electric/Gas
Braintree- Transmission	Franklin- Transmission	Maynard- Electric/Gas
Brewster- Electric	Freetown- Electric/Gas	Medfield- Electric
Bridgewater- Transmission	Grafton- Gas	Medway- Electric
Brockton- Transmission	Halifax- Transmission	Mendon- Gas
Brookline- Electric	Hanson- Transmission	Middleborough- Electric
Burlington- Electric	Harwich- Electric	Milford- Gas
		Millbury- Gas

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PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

In accordance with 333 CMR 11.05 the Department of Agricultural Resources will conduct regional hearings to receive public comment on the proposed Vegetation Management Plan for the NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation as submitted by the NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation.

To provide all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed VMP, public hearings will be held at the following locations:

Thursday, January 3, 2008: Framingham Town Hall, Blumer Community Room, Lower Level, 150 Concord Street, Framingham, Massachusetts from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Friday, January 4, 2008: Bourne Town Hall, Upstairs Conference Room, 24 Perry Avenue, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts from 10:30 am –12:30 pm.

Plans Available for Public Review Prior to Hearings:

Section 11.05 (3)(d) of the Row Management Regulations provide: “At least 21 days prior to the end of the public comment period, the applicant shall send a copy of the proposed VMP to the chief elected official, the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission in affected communities upon their request.” Such request should be made to:

Christopher J. Fallon
 Senior Arborist
 NSTAR Electric and Gas Corporation
 Vegetation Management Department
 One NSTAR Way, SE-370
 Westwood, MA 02090

Copies of the proposed VMP are also available for review at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Bureau, during regular business hours. It is also available for review at the Reference Desk of the following public libraries:

Jonathan Bourne Library, 19 Sandwich Road, Bourne, Massachusetts
Framingham Public Library, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, Massachusetts

Written Comments Requested

The public hearings listed above will give interested parties the opportunity to present data, views or arguments, orally or in writing concerning the proposed VMP. Persons giving testimony are also requested to provide written comments. Written comments in advance of the hearing dates are welcome. The Department will accept written testimony concerning the NSTAR Electric & Gas Company VMP until the close of business: Wednesday January 23, 2008

Commentary should be sent to:

Rights-of -Way Program
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
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