

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26 - 53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for the New England Power Company's (d/b/a National Grid) E-205E Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project involving work in protected Watchusett Reservoir, Ware River and Quabbin Reservoir public supply watersheds. It is necessary to replace deteriorated structures (wood poles and crossarms) in order to continue to provide reliable electric service and to comply with current design practice. The project site is located in the existing NEP right-of-way (ROW) in the towns of Gill, Erving, Wendell, New Salem, Petersham, Barre, Oakham, Rutland, Princeton, Sterling and Leominster, MA. Additional information may be obtained from NEP's representative, c/o TRC Environmental Corporation, Steve Damiano, Wannalancit Mills, 650 Suffolk Street, Lowell, MA (978-656-3657). Written comments should be addressed within twenty-one (21) days of this notice to: MADEP Central Regional Office, Division of Wetlands and Waterways, 627 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608; or for the towns of Wendell, New Salem and Petersham, written comments may be addressed to the MADEP Western Regional Office, Division of Wetlands and Waterways, 436 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA 01103. Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.