

*Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Wetlands and Waterways*

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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 (WQC) application for the 1421 Line Off-ROW Access Road and Culvert Replacement Project. This application has been filed by NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), 107 Selden Street Berlin, CT 06037 for the replacement of an existing culvert at 132 North Blandford Road, Blandford, MA. The existing dual 6” deteriorating metal pipes will be replaced with a 24” reinforced concrete pipe. The culvert replacement is necessary as part of Eversource’s access road improvements, needed to allow specialized utility equipment access to the 1421 Line ROW, to perform essential maintenance. The culvert crosses an intermittent stream classified as Waters of the United States within the Commonwealth (WUSWC) designated as Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW). Additional information may be obtained from BSC Group, Inc., 655 Winding Brook Drive, Glastonbury, CT 06033, Attn: Melissa Kaplan, Manager of Ecological Sciences – CT.

Written comments on the 401 WQC must be sent within twenty-one (21) days of this notice to:

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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.