

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 21 §43, an application for 401 Water Quality Certification is pending before the Department of Environmental Protection for the 1512 Line Structure Replacement Project. The applicant is Western Massachusetts Electric Company, c/o Northeast Utilities, P.O. Box 270, Hartford, CT 06141-0270. The project involves the replacement of one (1) electrical utility pole structure on the #1512 345 kV transmission line in Blandford, Massachusetts. Additional information may be obtained from the applicant's agent - Tighe & Bond, Inc. c/o Daniel Rukakoski, PWS (413-875-1312). Written comments should be addressed within 21 days of this notice to:

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
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.