

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY
CHECKLIST FOR REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT AN
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 164, § 72

The following checklist is intended to serve as guidance for persons filing petitions pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72 for authority to construct an electric transmission line, or to take land by eminent domain for the construction of an electric transmission line. Petitioners seeking authority to construct an electric transmission line must complete Parts 1, 2 and 3 of this form and submit a copy of the completed form with the petition at the time of filing. Petitioners seeking authority to take land by eminent domain for a transmission project also must complete Part 4 of this form.

PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Petitioner name: Western Massachusetts Electric Company

Description of proposed transmission line and route: See Attachement A hereto.

Seeking eminent domain authority: Yes No

PART 2: CONTENTS OF PETITION

The petition must contain, at a minimum, the following information:

A description of the proposed transmission line (voltage, above or below ground, height and type of structures to be used if above ground) and the anticipated route.

An explanation of the purpose of the transmission line, and a discussion of the public interest or convenience that would be served by the construction and operation of the transmission line, with a supporting analysis and a description of the methods used to develop this analysis.

A description of alternatives to the transmission line project, including (but not limited to) upgrades to existing transmission lines and substations.

An analysis of the environmental or other impacts of the transmission line, during both construction and operation. This analysis could include, without limitation, impacts on land use along or near the route, on water, wetlands and habitat resources along or near the route, visual and noise considerations, traffic and access considerations, public safety considerations, or the use of hazardous substances.

A list of all permits required for construction of the transmission line.

NOTE: All information provided in the petition must be adopted by witnesses who will be able to testify and respond to questions at evidentiary hearings. Such adoption may occur subsequent to the filing of the petition. The petitioner should be prepared to identify which witness will adopt which part of the petition no later than three weeks after the petition is filed.

PART 3: ATTACHMENTS

The following documents must be submitted with the petition:

A United States Geological Survey map (1:24,000 or 1:25,000 scale and in color) of the area, showing the transmission line route.

Diagrams of the transmission line route, showing all existing and proposed rights-of-way, representative views of the placement of existing and proposed transmission lines within the rights-of-way, and locations of water, wetland, and habitat resources within the surrounding area.

Either: (1) a copy of the Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") for the transmission project and the Certificate of the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on such ENF; or (2) an affidavit from the petitioner stating that the proposed use does not require the filing of an ENF. If an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") is required, and has been submitted to the MEPA Office at the time of filing, a copy of the EIR(s) and any related Certificates also should be submitted with the petition.

Draft MEPA Section 61 findings relating to the transmission project, if an EIR is required. See Attachment A hereto.

A draft hearing notice (hard copy and on diskette in Microsoft Word or in WordPerfect 8.0 or higher).

Filing fee: A check for \$100.00, made payable to Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PART 4: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR EMINENT DOMAIN

The following additional documents must be submitted with the petition if the petitioner is seeking to take land or easements by eminent domain for the transmission line:

A map of the transmission line route, showing the towns through which it will pass, the public ways, railroads, railways, navigable streams and tidewaters which it will cross, and the extent to which it will be located upon private land, or upon, under or along public ways and places.

A description of each parcel or easement to be taken for the transmission project, together with the name and address of each affected property owner.

All of the information requested above has been included in the Petition and attachments submitted with this form.

Catherine Keuster

Signature

10/27/08

Date

G.L. c. 164 § 72 CHECKLIST

Attachment A

Description of proposed transmission line and route:

This Petition is in connection with the construction and operation of jurisdictional new overhead 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission facilities and two new 115-kV switching stations, the modification of existing switching stations and substations, and the re-conductoring and/or re-building of certain existing overhead 115-kV transmission lines in the Massachusetts municipalities of Agawam, Chicopee, Ludlow, Springfield and West Springfield (collectively, "Greater Springfield") as part of what is known as the Greater Springfield Reliability Project (inclusive of portions of the project in Connecticut, "GSRP" or the "Project"). The petition also extends to the Massachusetts municipalities of East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow and Wilbraham, where the alternative route for the 345-kV transmission facilities is located.

Pursuant to MEPA procedure draft MEPA Section 61 findings relating to the proposed use of land or structures will be provided when the SEIR for the GSRP is filed.