



One NSTAR Way  
Westwood, Massachusetts 02090

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Mr. Leonard Jason, Jr.  
Inspector of Buildings  
Town of Chilmark  
401 Middle Road  
Chilmark, MA 02535-0119

NSTAR is requesting that the Town of Chilmark approve the installation of two new radio repeater antennas at 55 Tabor House Road on a temporary basis. These repeater antennas are for use with the Company's upgraded voice radio system. The upgraded system is an important operational and public safety enhancement for NSTAR in its normal and emergency operations. The repeater antennas will be installed on top of a wood pole which will be 50 feet above ground.

The installation of the voice radio repeater antennas will allow for improved day-to-day radio communications between the Company's work crews and the central Dispatch Center or local Service Center. Line crews, troubleshooters and substation operators will have upgraded radios where they will have the ability to listen and/or communicate with each of the other work groups. This is an improvement over the current system where a line crew working in conjunction with a troubleshooter to restore power cannot hear the transmissions between the dispatch center and the troubleshooter. This will allow for increased efficiency and faster restoration under normal conditions and ensure rapid response during any type of emergency condition such as storm response, fires, unplanned events and Man Down alerts in the event of injury. The new radio repeater antennas will also allow the crews to hear transmissions for the entire southern end of the electric system on Martha's Vineyard with the greatest impact on operations in the towns of Chilmark and Aquinnah.

NSTAR is requesting this approval on a temporary basis until such time that the United States Coast Guard approves the installation of these antennas on their tower at Peak Hill in Chilmark. Lack of adequate radio coverage in this area is a very important operational and public safety concern for NSTAR and needs to be addressed expeditiously.

Sincerely,

  
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Board of Selectman