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Board of Selectmen
Town of Chilmark
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Attn: Mr. Tim Carroll

Dear Mr. Carroll:

NSTAR Electric Company ("NSTAR") is requesting that the Town of Chilmark approve the installation of two new radio repeater antennas on the US Coast Guard Tower at Peak Hill. NSTAR is a Massachusetts electric company and public utility serving the Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard areas, and is qualified as a "public service corporation" for purposes of Massachusetts General Laws. As a public service corporation, NSTAR is engaged in critical activities that support public safety, particularly in times of storms or other natural disasters that affect the electric system. In such events, NSTAR crews work in close coordination with first responders to assure public safety. The proposed repeater antennas will be utilized solely to transmit internal NSTAR voice traffic over the Company's upgraded voice radio and distribution automation systems, and will not be utilized for commercial purposes or by other parties. The upgraded system is an important operational and public safety enhancement for NSTAR in its normal and emergency operations. This approval from the town of Chilmark is required as part of the application process to obtain approval for the installation from the US Coast Guard.

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. The new repeaters for the distribution automation system will allow quicker restoration of service to our customers during storms.

On December 4, 2012, the town approved the installation of these antennas on a temporary basis at 55 Tabor House Road on a 50 feet high pole. This temporary approval was granted in anticipation of NSTAR obtaining the approval from the US Coast Guard to permanently install these antennas on the US Coast Guard Tower at Peak Hill. Approval of this current request by the Town will permit NSTAR to proceed with the approval process with the US Coast Guard.

Sincerely,

NSTAR Electric Company

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