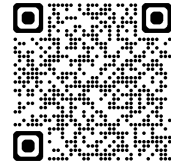


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<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/tewksbury-battery-project>

NOTICE OF ADJUDICATION
AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

EFSB 25-08 – Hillman Energy Center, LLC
(Tewksbury Battery Energy Storage System Project)

Project Summary and Public Comment Hearing Overview

Hillman Energy Center, LLC (“Company”), a subsidiary of East Point Energy and Equinor, has asked the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) to grant individual and comprehensive zoning exemptions from the Town of Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw (“Zoning Bylaws”) for the construction of (a) a 125 megawatt (“MW”)/500 megawatt hour (“MWh”) Battery Energy Storage System (“BESS”) and related electrical infrastructure, including a new electric substation, at 73-75 Hillman Street in Tewksbury, Massachusetts; and (b) an approximately 1,200-foot electric transmission interconnection line (the “Proposed Transmission Interconnection”) (together, the “Project,” and jointly, the “Project Site”). A description and map of the Project Site is provided below.

The Siting Board will conduct a hybrid public comment hearing, with in-person and remote participation options:

Thursday, October 9, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Tewksbury Memorial High School Auditorium
320 Pleasant Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876

Remote attendees: join by using this link – <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88408639744> from a computer, tablet, or smart device. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial-in at (646) 558-8656 (not a toll-free number) and then enter the **Webinar ID: 884-0863-9744**

To provide oral comments during the hearing (in person, on Zoom, or by telephone), notify Yonathan Mengesha at Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov or (617) 305-3544. Please provide your name, email address, mailing address, and docket number (“EFSB 25-08”) by Wednesday, October 8, 2025. Pre-registered commenters will speak first and others will speak afterwards.

The Siting Board also invites written comments on the Project. Written comments will be most useful to the Siting Board if submitted by **Friday, October 24, 2025**. Persons or groups who wish to be involved in the Siting Board proceeding (beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or in writing) may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant. A petition to intervene or participate must be filed no later than **Friday, October 24, 2025** and must follow the instructions below.

Important Dates

Public Comment Hearing	Thursday, October 9, 2025
Written Public Comment Deadline	Friday, October 24, 2025
Deadline to file for intervention or limited participant status	Friday, October 24, 2025

Public Review of the Company's Petitions

A detailed description of the Project, links to the Company's petition, attachments, and analyses, and periodic updates are electronically available on the Siting Board's webpage for the Project at the URL link and QR code at the top of the first page of this notice. In addition, electronic copies of the petitions and attachments have been provided to the Town of Tewksbury. The Company maintains a webpage for the Project at <https://www.hillmanenergycenter.com>.

Hard copies of the Company's petition and attachments are available for public inspection at the following locations:

Boston

- Energy Facilities Siting Board, One South Station, 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02110

Tewksbury

1. Town Clerk, Town of Tewksbury, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876
2. Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler St, Tewksbury, MA 01876

In addition, the Company's petitions, including all attachments, are electronically available via the Siting Board's website at:

<https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/dpu/fileroom/#/dockets/docket/12515>.

Public Comment Hearing

At the public comment hearing, the Company will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and comment about the Project. The public comment hearing will be transcribed by a court reporter. After the hearing, a recording will be posted to the Siting Board's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/@MaDPU_hearing.

The public comment hearing marks the beginning of a formal, state-level decision-making process focused on whether to approve the Project. Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, § 3, the Siting Board will determine whether to exempt the Project from zoning requirements of the Town of Tewksbury, based on whether the present or proposed use of the land or structures is reasonably necessary for the convenience or welfare of the public.

Intervention and Participation

Persons or groups who wish to participate in the Siting Board proceeding, beyond providing comments at the public comment hearing or submitting written comments, may seek to intervene as a party or to participate as a limited participant.

“Intervenor” or “Party” Status: An **intervenor** can participate fully in the evidentiary phase of the proceeding, including participating in discovery (information gathering), participating in evidentiary hearings, filing a brief, presenting comments to the Siting Board on the Tentative Decision, and appealing the Final Decision.

“Limited Participant” Status: A **limited participant** receives documents during the proceeding and may file a brief and present comments regarding the Tentative Decision to the Siting Board.

A petition to intervene must demonstrate that the petitioner may be substantially and specifically affected by this proceeding. See below for filing instructions. For additional information on the Siting Board procedural rules, please see the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/file-a-petition-to-intervene-in-an-efsb-or-dpu-siting-case>.

Instructions for Filing Written Comments and Requesting to Participate in the Proceeding

Written comments on the Project, or a petition to intervene or participate as a limited participant in this proceeding, must be sent to the following three email addresses: dpu.efiling@mass.gov, donna.sharkey@mass.gov, akaplan@pierceatwood.com. The filing deadline is **Friday, October 24, 2025**. The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (“EFSB 25-08”); (2) the name of the person or entity submitting the filing; and (3) a brief description of the document. The email should also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing.

The request for intervention must state and explain the way or ways in which the requester may be specifically and substantially affected by the Project; a limited participant request must describe the reason for the petitioner’s interest and purpose of participation. For more information on the Siting Board’s procedural rules, please see the following link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/980-cmr-105/download>.

Accommodation Requests and Language Services Requests

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format) are available upon request. To request an accommodation, please contact:

Melixza Esenyie
Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Human Resources, 9th Floor
100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114
eeadiversity@mass.gov, 617-626-1282

In your communication, state the accommodations you need and why you need them. Provide contact information in case the Coordinator needs more information. Provide your request as soon as possible. The Coordinator will consider but may not be able to fulfill late requests.

Language interpretation services are also available upon request to Yonathan Mengesha at (617) 305-3544 or Yonathan.Mengesha@mass.gov. Include in your request the language required and your contact information. To assist us in accommodating your request, please submit it as soon as possible.

Non-Discrimination Notice

The Siting Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, income, ethnicity, class, disability, religious creed or belief, gender identity, sexual orientation, genetic information, English language proficiency, or ancestry in administration of its programs or activities. See the Siting Board's Non-Discrimination Notice at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/efsb-non-discrimination-notice-and-grievance-procedure>.

If you have any questions about this notice or any of the Siting Board's non-discrimination programs, policies, or procedures, or believe the Siting Board has discriminated against you, you may contact Melixza Esenyie (see above for contact information) for more information.

Contact

For further information about intervention or participation in the proceeding, please contact the Presiding Officer at the email address or telephone number below:

Donna Sharkey, Presiding Officer
Energy Facilities Siting Board
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
Donna.sharkey@mass.gov
(617) 305-3625

For periodic updates on the Siting Board's proceeding, please visit the Siting Board's webpage for this proceeding via the URL link or QR code at the top of the first page of this notice.

Project Description

Hillman Energy Center, LLC proposes to construct a BESS project on two parcels of land, i.e., Parcel 35-6-MAIN and Parcel 35-7, at 73 and 75 Hillman Street in Tewksbury (the “BESS site”). The site occupied by the two parcels, is bounded by Hillman Street to the south, high voltage powerlines to the west, railroad tracks to the north, and Clinton Street to the east. Generally, land uses surrounding the BESS site include existing electric transmission corridors and related infrastructure, extensive wetland areas to the north and west, and commercial/industrial development to the east and south. The Project proposes installation of 169 BESS modules – consisting of lithium-ion batteries housed in above-ground storage cabinets and transformers on concrete slabs – on approximately 4.3 acres of land.

The Proposed Transmission Interconnection line would extend approximately 1,200 feet and traverse four separate tax parcels: Parcel ID 35-4, Parcel ID 35-5, and Parcel ID 49-34, all owned by National Grid; and Parcel ID 11-1, owned by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (“MBTA”). Per the Town of Tewksbury’s zoning map, Parcel ID 11-1, Parcel ID 35-4, and Parcel ID 35-5 are zoned Industrial, and Parcel ID 49-34 is zoned Park District. Additionally, Parcel ID 11-1 is situated in an existing railroad corridor, and Parcel ID 35-5 and Parcel ID 49-34 contain the existing National Grid Substation 22A and wetland areas. In total, approximately 3.8 acres is developed with an existing landscaping business and a truck repair shop. The remaining 0.25 acres of this parcel consists of an isolated vegetated wetland. The 75 Hillman Street Parcel is approximately 0.29 acres in size, contains equipment storage and other industrial uses, and is entirely developed.

The Project Site is located within a Zone II Wellhead Protection Area, as mapped by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The Company contends that no part of the Project Site is mapped or identified as Outstanding Resource Waters, and that the Project Site does not contain any mapped floodplains, estimated habitat for state-listed rare species, certified vernal pools, areas identified as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, surface water supply protection areas, or protected open space. Figure 1, below, provides an aerial view of the Project Site and vicinity.

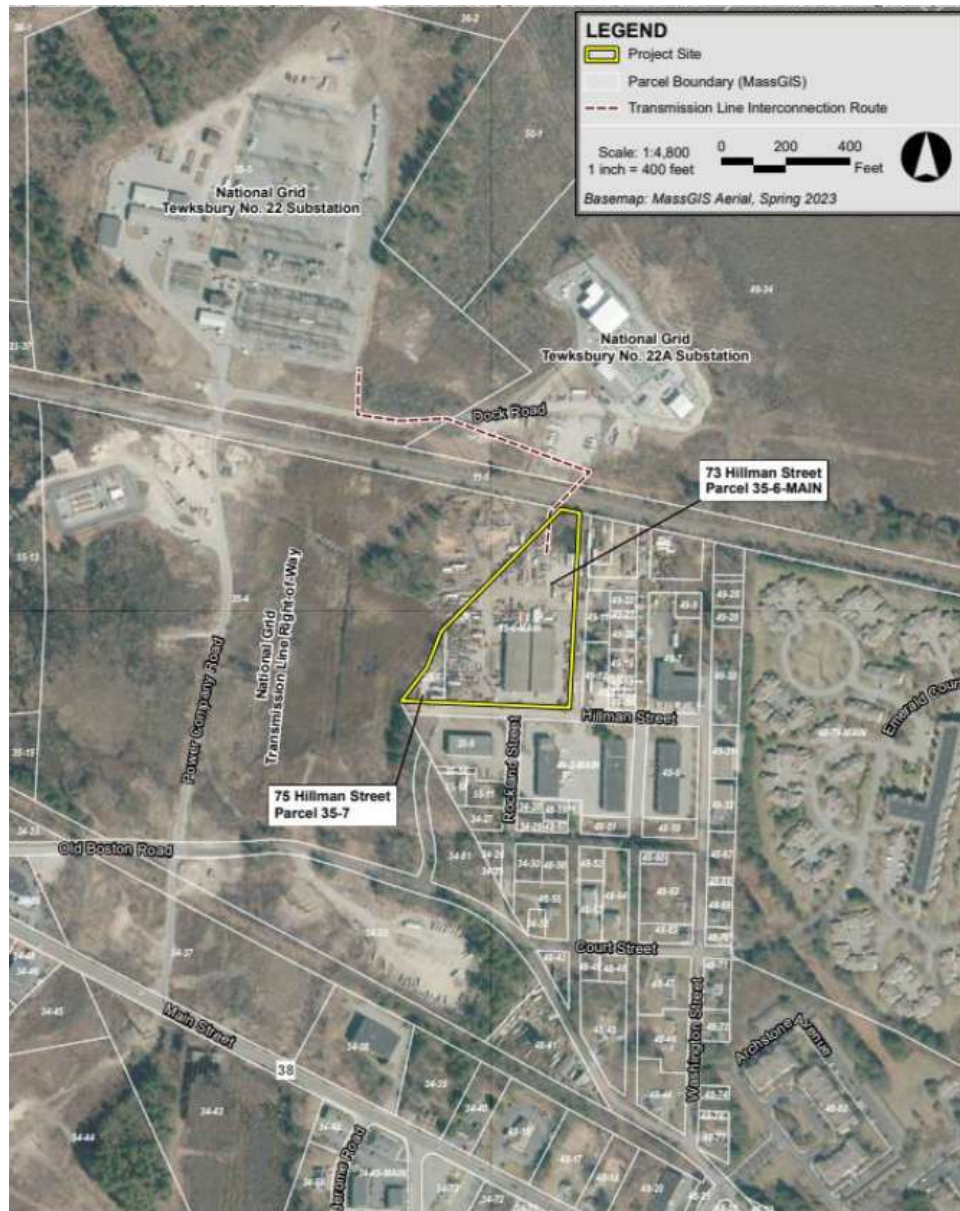
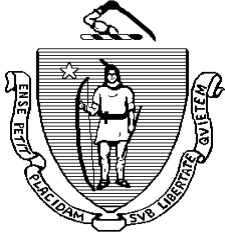


Figure 1: Aerial View of Project Site and Vicinity.



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Kreyòl Ayisyen (Haitian Creole)

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