

Dear Resident or Business,

You are receiving this letter and the enclosed documents because the utility in your area, Holyoke Gas & Electric Department (“HG&E”), is proposing to modify its existing liquefied natural gas (“LNG”) storage facility in the City of Holyoke by constructing an additional tank (referred to as the “Project”). The Project would expand the storage capacity of HG&E’s existing LNG facility located off Mueller Road, Holyoke, which was constructed in 1971 (the “West Holyoke LNG facility”). The West Holyoke LNG facility currently consists of four 55,000-gallon LNG storage tanks with space for a fifth storage tank. The Project would add a fifth LNG storage tank that would hold approximately 70,000 gallons of LNG. HG&E maintains that the scope of construction work would be limited to areas in the current footprint of the West Holyoke LNG facility.

HG&E must receive approval from the Energy Facilities Siting Board (the “Siting Board”) to construct the Project. More information about the Project, and instructions on commenting on the Project or getting involved in reviewing the Project, is enclosed.

The Siting Board will conduct a remote public comment hearing regarding the Project using Zoom videoconferencing at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83239347654> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at **(646) 558-8656 (not toll free)** and enter the Webinar ID: **8323-9347-654**.

At the public comment hearing, HG&E will present an overview of the Project. Public officials and members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the proposed Project. Written comments also may be filed with the Siting Board. The attached Notice explains in more detail the Project, the public comment hearing, and opportunities to participate in this proceeding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, the Presiding Officer, Robert Shea at Robert.j.shea@mass.gov or 617-851-4246.