



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MARTIN J. WALSH

September 9, 2019

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval a Home Rule Petition to the General Court entitled: "Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Authorizing the Boston Redevelopment Authority to Grant Easements for Utility Purposes Over a Portion of a Certain Parcel of Land Located in the City of Boston."

This special act would allow existing property owners and their tenants to update the utility infrastructure on the property and continue its current use. Long Wharf is a vital part of the Boston Waterfront.

I urge your Honorable Body to support this special act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin J. Walsh".

Martin J. Walsh
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

HOME RULE PETITION

ORDERED: That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order, be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO GRANT EASEMENTS FOR UTILITY PURPOSES OVER A PORTION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Boston Redevelopment Authority may convey subsurface easements over, under and through portions of a certain parcel of land (it owns) located in the City of Boston to NStar Electric Company, a Massachusetts corporation, its successors and assigns, Comcast, a Delaware corporation, its successors and assigns, and Verizon New England Inc., a New York corporation, its successors and assigns, solely for the purposes of laying, constructing, maintaining, accessing, operating, replacing, repairing, abandoning and removing underground transmission lines and appurtenant facilities for the transmission of utility services. This Easement is identified in a document entitled "Easement for Utility Service" and corresponding documents as entered into by the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the utilities service corporations in question, as well as by a plan attached thereto, a copy of which is to be attached and is to be recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds.

SECTION 2. The parcel is identified as in the deed to the Boston Redevelopment Authority, dated July 1, 1966 and recorded at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 8051, Page 294, and an order of taking by the Boston Redevelopment Authority, dated June 4, 1970 and recorded at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 8373, page 559.

SECTION 3. In consideration for and as condition of the conveyance authorized in Section 1, NStar Electric Company, Verizon and Comcast shall compensate the Boston Redevelopment Authority an amount established by a professional appraiser for the use of the easement authorized by this act. NStar Electric Company, Verizon and Comcast shall assume all costs associated with any engineering, surveys, appraisals, deed preparation and other expenses deemed necessary by the Director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority to execute the conveyances authorized by this act.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

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