

April 18, 2018

Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to keep communities informed, we're writing to let you know about the Seacoast Reliability Project, a new electric transmission line proposed for the existing power line corridor that crosses your property.

We're Always Working to Serve You Better

The Seacoast Reliability Project will improve the reliability of the electric system serving the Seacoast, where electric demand is growing at twice the rate as the rest of the state. This project involves building a new 13-mile transmission line that will connect two existing substations in Madbury and Portsmouth. The proposed line will pass through Madbury, Durham, Newington and Portsmouth, N.H.

Siting Process

For an electric transmission line project such as the Seacoast Reliability Project, state law requires that Eversource file an application for a Certificate of Site and Facility with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC). The SEC must issue a Certificate of Site and Facility before Eversource can construct the new power line.

Since 2013, we have been working with host communities and residents to gather helpful feedback on the project design as we developed our application for a Certificate from the SEC, which we filed on April 12, 2016, for the construction of the project. The application is being reviewed by the SEC, and can be found on the SEC website: <https://www.nhsec.nh.gov/projects/2015-04/2015-04.htm>

Project Status

We have also submitted an amendment and a supplement to the application to the SEC, in response to community feedback. We refined the design of the project, and further developed our environmental research and the construction process.

After submitting this additional information, it was anticipated that a decision would be rendered in the summer of 2017. Delays in the siting process have moved out the original schedule. Last month, the SEC reconvened with all interested parties, to reestablish a schedule for siting the Seacoast Reliability Project. Based on the SEC order issued on April 6, the siting proceedings will pick back up in May and continue through the fall with a final written decision expected by the end of the year. In such case that the project is approved by the SEC, construction will commence in early 2019 and will likely continue through the end of year.

You may periodically see Eversource personnel and contractors in the right-of-way over the next several months, performing field reviews as part of this permitting process, for the purposes of planning for the construction phase of the project, if it is approved.

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Contact Us

We are committed to being a good neighbor and keeping you informed about work on or near your property. Residents and property owners along the power line corridor have had many opportunities to learn more about the project over the past few years, and we would like to offer that to you, too.

If you have questions or would like to discuss specific information about the project relative to your property, please call the Eversource Project Information Line at 888-926-5334 or email us at NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com. You can also find more information about the Seacoast Reliability Project on Eversource.com, under “Projects and Infrastructure.”

We appreciate the opportunity to continue working with you as this important reliability project moves forward.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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