

April 22, 2023

Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, we are preparing for an upcoming project in your community. This project is one of several that are designed to improve the reliability of the electric system serving New Hampshire and surrounding areas where we all work and live.

We're Always Working to Serve You Better

Eversource identified the need to replace the structures, conductor (wire), and install fiber optic cable, known as Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) along our existing X178 transmission line. This line, originally constructed in 1969 and 1985, crosses through the towns of Campton, Thornton, Lincoln, Woodstock, Easton, Sugar Hill, Bethlehem, Dalton, and Whitefield, NH. Recent physical inspections and engineering analysis of the line revealed many of the existing structures are in need of replacement from woodpecker damage, insect damage, and pole rot. Due to this, all of the wooden structures will be changed to steel, which are more resilient to pole rot as well as insect and woodpecker damage. Furthermore, the steel poles can better withstand the heavier OPGW and storms that we experience here in New Hampshire.

What You Can Expect

This maintenance project, from our Beebe River Substation in Campton to the Whitefield Substation in Whitefield, includes replacing existing wooden structures with new steel structures as well as replacing the wire and hardware. Once the new structures are installed, we will remove the old structures from the power line corridor.

All towns along the X178 power line have been notified of this project. We are in the process of identifying all local, state, and federal permits necessary in support of this project, and will work to obtain those permits over the next several months. Also in the coming months, Eversource, through its contractors, will be performing field work within the power line corridor in your area. This work may include soil and other inspections, engineering and environmental surveying, data collection, drone surveys, and identification and/or maintenance of access roads. All personnel working on this project will carry identification.

After securing required permits, construction is expected to begin in the third quarter 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in the fourth quarter 2026. Please keep in mind that the schedule may change due to weather or other unexpected circumstances.

Health and Safety Is Our Top Priority

Please know that Eversource remains committed to prioritizing public health as well as the health of employees and contractors. All Eversource personnel follow applicable health and safety guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For More Information

Keeping the lines of communication open is important to us. We would like to connect with you to discuss the project, as well as obtain the best contact phone number and/or e-mail address to reach you moving forward. Please contact our project hotline at 1-888-926-5334 or send an email to NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com to provide that information or to discuss the project.

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. We will continue to provide regular project notifications via mailings, phone calls, and/or emails. Thank you for your patience as this important project moves forward.

Sincerely,



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