

April 30, 2020

Dear Neighbor,

Eversource construction crews will be in your neighborhood soon to start construction activity for the Woburn to Wakefield Transmission Line Project. This notice is a re-issuance of our original Start of Construction letter which was dated March 11, 2020. Due to COVID-19 health and safety concerns, door-to-door outreach efforts for the project have been temporarily suspended. Because your property is near the project route, we'll continue to update you on construction activities as they take place in the area.

### We're Always Working to Serve You Better

In the coming weeks, crews from McCourt Construction will begin installing a new 345-kilovolt (kV) underground transmission line that will connect our Woburn Substation on Pond Street in Woburn with National Grid's Wakefield Junction substation off Montrose Avenue. The line will extend approximately 8 miles between the two substations and will pass through Woburn, Winchester, Stoneham and Wakefield. To support this project, the first phase of our work, vault installation, will begin on Elm Street, Main Street and Montvale Avenue in Stoneham, Mass. Please see page 2 for more information on the various stages of work.

### What You Can Expect

Following is important information about how we will work in your neighborhood:

- **Reliable Service:** Be assured that this work will not interrupt electric service to your property.
- **Proper Identification:** All people working on this project carry identification.
- **Communication:** Keeping the lines of communications open is important to us. We strongly encourage you to contact us via phone or email to review site specific details with our outreach representatives. Feel free to reach out to us by email at [ProjectInfo@eversource.com](mailto:ProjectInfo@eversource.com) or by calling 1-800-793-2202 if you have any questions.
- **Project Website:** We also maintain a project website at <https://www.eversource.com/content/Woburn-Wakefield-Project>.
- **Where We'll Be Working:** All associated activities will occur at locations within or near public streets or within the existing Eversource right of way. Work activities will necessitate a traffic/work setup on the following streets:
  - Montvale Avenue between the Woburn City Line and Main Street
  - Main Street between Elm Street and William Street
  - Elm Street between Main Street and Norval Avenue
- **Traffic Management:** We coordinate closely with the Stoneham Police Department and city officials in order to maintain a safe and effective flow of traffic around project work areas.
- **Construction Hours:** Eversource is working closely with the town of Stoneham on allowed construction hours. Based on current traffic volumes, revisions may be made to the previously approved hours, as listed below. Please know that any updates to construction hours will be posted to our project website.
  - **DAY TIME CONSTRUCTION:** Day time construction hours in Stoneham are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday on Elm Street and Montvale Avenue from Main Street to the entrance of the Lindenwood Cemetery. Due to weather or other unexpected circumstances, from time to time the crews may need to work longer hours or work on weekends.
  - **NIGHT TIME CONSTRUCTION:** Night time construction hours in Stoneham are 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday through Friday on Main Street between Montvale Avenue and Elm Street on Montvale Avenue from the Woburn city line to the Lindenwood Cemetery entrance.
- **Construction Activities:** Project construction will take place in phases:

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1. UNDERWAY: The installation of new equipment at Woburn Substation.
2. IN THE COMING WEEKS AND MONTHS:
  - Setting up a safe and secure work site.
  - Surveying and marking out the roadway for existing underground utilities.
  - Crews performing test pits, which involves opening the pavement to locate existing underground utilities, at various locations along the project route.
  - Cutting existing asphalt and excavating an area to accommodate the vault installation.
  - Removal of soils from the site, using dump trucks.
  - Temporarily using steel road plates to safely secure the area at the end of each day.
  - Installing the new, pre-fabricated concrete vault with the use of crane.
  - Areas will be temporarily restored once the underground vaults are installed. When the overall project is completed in 2022, final restoration activities will occur.
3. PROJECT COMPLETION: We expect to complete underground vault installations in your area by the end of 2020, with trenching and cable installation being completed in 2021. Final restoration will be completed in 2022.

## Contact Us

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor, and doing our work with respect for you and your property. If you have questions about this project, please call 1-800-793-2202 or email us at [ProjectInfo@eversource.com](mailto:ProjectInfo@eversource.com).

Sincerely,

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Underground vault installation



Traffic management setup



Temporary roadway restoration



Cable splicing setup