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Dear Neighbor,

Earlier this year, we notified you about our maintenance project, referred to as the Concord to Bow (P145) Line Rebuild Project. 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.

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As part of that project, we will be replacing the structures, conductor (wire), and installing fiber optic cable, known as Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) along our existing power line that crosses through Concord, Pembroke, and Bow, later this year. Recent physical inspections and engineering analysis of that line revealed that many of the existing structures are in poor condition 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 insect and woodpecker damage, pole rot, and can also further withstand the heavier OPGW and storms we experience here in New Hampshire

Construction of this maintenance project is scheduled to begin in the third quarter of this year, pending the receipt of necessary permits. Please keep in mind that the schedule may change due to weather or other unexpected circumstances.

Eversource performs standard cyclical vegetation maintenance of our rights of ways that contain transmission lines, such as the P145 line, every four years. The cyclical vegetation maintenance of this right of way is scheduled for next year but is being expedited due to the upcoming structure replacements.

Cyclical vegetation maintenance involves the removal of tall-growing species from the right of-way and cut branches extending into the right of way to protect the electric system. These trees and branches pose a serious safety hazard, now or in the future, if they are too close or contact energized equipment.

Vegetation too close or in contact with electric facilities may lead to power outages that could impact thousands of electric customers. The clearing of trees and branches in and along the right of way will improve system performance, especially during severe weather events.

What You Can Expect

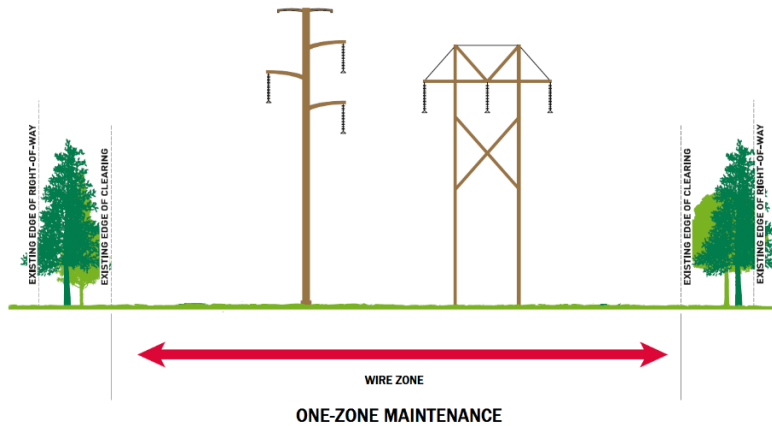
The vegetation management work in the right of way on or near your property may include:

- Clearing of incompatible trees and/or removal of branches that are encroaching into the right of way.
- Removing tall-growing tree species that are incompatible to the transmission system, using manual climbing crew or mechanical tree-harvesting equipment, and tree-chipping machinery.
- Removal of vegetation within the cleared areas of the right of way, through cutting and/or mowing.

This work will not interrupt electric service to your property. Work hours will typically be 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Saturday.

Based on the width of the right of way, the type and number of transmission lines, the location of the lines within the right of way and the topography, Eversource employs a "one-zone" vegetation maintenance method. This method establishes the following:

- One-zone maintenance occurs within a right of way wire zone, which is the area directly under the transmission lines, extending to the edge of the easement or the width of the maintained area. Eversource manages the wire zone to promote a low-growing plant community dominated by grasses, flowers, ferns and small shrubs under 3 feet in height at maturity. Within this zone, trees and brush are selectively removed to allow for the establishment and preservation of these native, low-growing plant communities in non-lawn areas. Only established compatible species with a mature height of 15 feet or less at maturity may be allowed to remain in the wire zone, depending on location. All other plants with a mature height greater than 15 feet will be removed.



The diagram illustrates a typical right of way condition. This work is occurring within the existing edge of clearing. Your neighborhood may have a different configuration of transmission structures.

Keeping the Wood from Cleared Areas

If you would like to keep the wood from trees cut on your property, please call our project hotline at 1-888-926-5334 or send an email to NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com. The wood that is to be kept for your personal use will be placed along the edge of the maintained area within the right of way and outside of the wire zone and environmentally sensitive areas. Wood and cut branches not left for personal use will be chipped & removed, slashed, or diced and left within the right of way. Diced vegetation will not be left on manicured lawns, right of way access areas or within the cleared areas around structures and guy wires. Debris will also be kept out of water courses, stream and riverbanks, and bodies of water including standing water in wetland areas.

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

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. Keeping the lines of communication open is important to us; 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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