

June 20, 2019

Ref: 52591.00

Ms. Janice Bonenfant, City Clerk  
City of Concord  
41 Green Street  
Concord, NH 03301



Re: NHDES Utility Maintenance Notification  
New England Power Company Electric Utility Rights-of-Way Maintenance and Repairs  
Multiple Towns, New Hampshire

Dear Municipal Clerk:

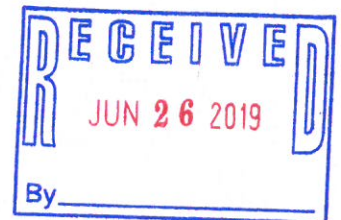
New England Power Company (NEP) d/b/a National Grid intends to conduct routine maintenance and repair activities along their existing overhead electric utility rights-of-way (ROWs) in your municipality. Currently scheduled maintenance/repair work involves routine vegetation management which may include side-line tree pruning, danger tree removals, mechanical mowing of herbaceous and woody vegetation, and/or hand-cutting of vegetation within wetlands or other areas deemed environmentally sensitive. Other maintenance/repair activities which may occur this year include, but are not limited to, overhead structural work, structure replacements, structure painting, repairs to electric grounding grids, footer inspections and access road repairs. Maintenance/repair work is planned to commence in June 2019. Timber matting may be utilized to gain access across wetlands and streams in order to reach areas and infrastructure targeted for maintenance. Additionally, timber mats may be set up in wetlands to stage equipment while work is performed. For more information, refer to the attached NHDES Utility Maintenance Notification Form and USGS Project Location Map.

In accordance with RSA 482-A:3, XV, routine utility maintenance work is exempt from the standard wetland permitting process. However, we are required to notify the municipality where the work is proposed and the NHDES Wetlands Bureau. All project work will be conducted in accordance with the Best Management Practices Manual for Utility Maintenance in and Adjacent to Wetlands and Waterbodies in New Hampshire (March 2019), published by the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and National Grid BMP documents as applicable. Please don't hesitate to call me at (603) 391-3944 or email me at [kwilkes@vhb.com](mailto:kwilkes@vhb.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristopher Wilkes", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kristopher Wilkes, CWS, CPESC  
Project Manager, Energy & Environmental Services



Enclosure

cc: NHDES Wetlands Bureau  
Mariclaire Rigby, NEP

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# WETLANDS UTILITY MAINTENANCE NOTIFICATION

Land Resources Management  
Check the Status of your Notification: [www.des.nh.gov/onestop](http://www.des.nh.gov/onestop)



RSA/ Rule: Env-Wt 100-900


**Complete Permit Number: (see bottom of Section 7, page 2):** \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Administrative Use Only</i>	<i>Administrative Use Only</i>	<i>Administrative Use Only</i>	File Number:
			Check No.
			Amount:
			Initials:

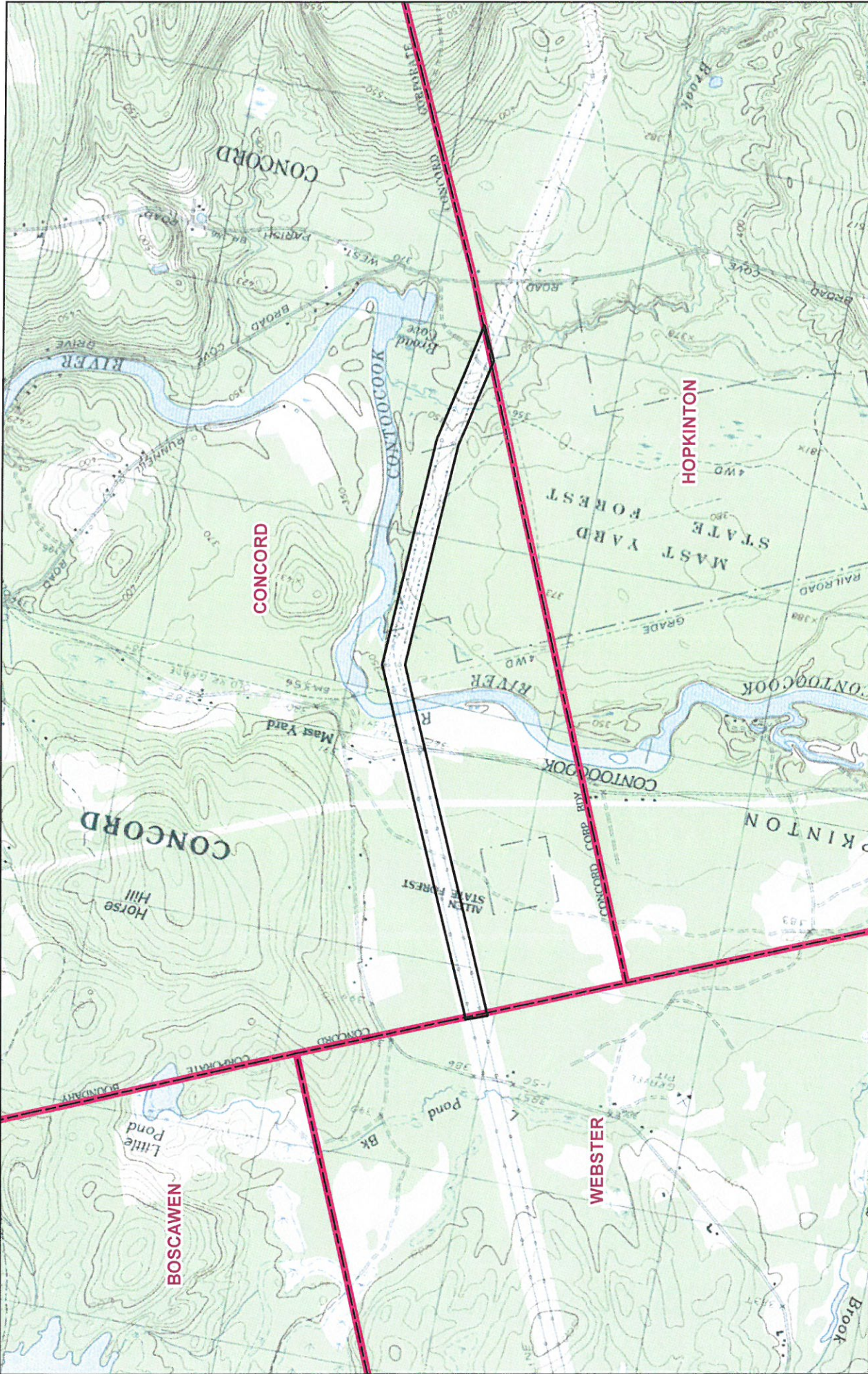
This notification form and process is for the maintenance and in-kind repair of **existing utility services** within **existing rights of way** consistent with the [Best Management Practices Manual for Utility Maintenance in and Adjacent to Wetlands and Waterbodies in New Hampshire](#) (Utility BMP Manual) published by the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, formerly the Department of Resources and Economic Development, (January 2010). Please read this BMP manual and [RSA 482-A:3, XV](#) before proceeding. Once this form is completed and submitted to the municipal clerk and the NHDES Wetlands Bureau, in accordance with RSA 482-A:3, XV, the proposed work may begin.



<b>1. UTILITY PROVIDER/COMPANY</b>			
UTILITY PROVIDER/COMPANY NAME: New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid			
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: Mariclaire Rigby			
UTILITY MAILING ADDRESS: 939 Southbridge Street			
TOWN/CITY: Worcester		STATE: MA	ZIP CODE: 01610
PHONE: 508-860-6282	FAX: N/A	EMAIL: Mariclaire.Rigby@nationalgrid.com	
<b>2. PROJECT LOCATION - A separate notification must be filed for each municipality in which jurisdictional impact will occur.</b>			
TOWN/CITY: Concord		ZIP CODE: 03301	
<b>3. PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>			
<p>New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid proposes to conduct routine maintenance and repair activities along their existing overhead electric utility rights-of-way (ROWs) in the City of Concord, NH. Currently scheduled maintenance/repair work involves routine vegetation management which may include side-line tree pruning, danger tree removals, mechanical mowing of herbaceous and woody vegetation, and/or hand-cutting of vegetation within wetlands or other areas deemed environmentally sensitive. Other maintenance/repair activities which may occur this year include, but are not limited to, overhead structural work, structure replacements, structure painting, repairs to electric grounding grids, footer inspections and access road repairs. Maintenance/repair work is planned to commence in June 2019. Timber matting may be utilized to gain access across wetlands and streams in order to reach areas and infrastructure targeted for maintenance. Additionally, timber mats may be set up in wetlands to stage equipment while work is performed. All maintenance and repair activities will be conducted in accordance with the Best Management Practices Manual for Utility Maintenance in and Adjacent to Wetlands and Waterbodies in New Hampshire (March 2019), published by the New Hampshire Department of Natural &amp; Cultural Resources, and National Grid BMP documents as applicable.</p>			

[lrn@des.nh.gov](mailto:lrn@des.nh.gov) or (603) 271-2147  
NHDES Wetlands Bureau, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095  
[www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov)

4. PROJECT TYPE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equipment repair and maintenance in rights of way (ROW)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vegetative maintenance within ROW (If access through private property is needed to reach the ROW, permission from the landowner(s) is required prior to conducting work.)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Overhead Electric Lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Supply Lines
<input type="checkbox"/>	Overhead Telephone or Cable Lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sewer Lines
<input type="checkbox"/>	Natural Gas Lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:
5. IMPACTED RESOURCES - Check all that apply			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temporary Non-Tidal Wetland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temporary Intermittent Stream Crossing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temporary (2-years max) Perennial Stream or River Crossing		
6. ATTACHMENTS - Verify the following attachments are submitted with this form by checking each box below.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Copy of a USGS topographic map (at its original scale 1:24,000 or 1:25,000) with the project location(s) or utility corridor clearly identified		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$200 filing fee (nonrefundable) made payable to: Treasurer, State of NH		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A letter or memo from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) indicating that NHB has reviewed your project. Contact NHB at (603) 271-2214 or <a href="mailto:NHB.Review@dred.nh.gov">NHB.Review@dred.nh.gov</a> for instructions on how to submit project information (method may vary depending on project complexity). NHB File No.: NHB19-173 <i>*Note the typical NHB memo is not attached as consultation for this project is occurring through a separate Data Sharing Agreement.</i>		
7. CONFIRMATIONS			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All impacts are temporary and will be restored, repaired or removed upon completion of work.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Temporary impacts are a result of in-kind repairs or replacement.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The <a href="#">NH Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB)</a> has reviewed the project and reported "No potential impacts" to exemplary natural communities and state-listed species OR such elements are present but I have received recommendations on how to avoid potential impacts from NHB and/or NH Fish and Game.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I have obtained, read, understand and retained a copy of the <a href="#">Best Management Practices Manual for Utility Maintenance in and Adjacent to Wetlands and Waterbodies in New Hampshire</a> published by the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, formerly the Department of Resources and Economic Development.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I understand that I may not proceed with the work until this completed application package has been submitted to NHDES and the municipal clerk.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I understand that once I submit this form, changes or additions to the projects within the municipality will be done by way of an amendment and within the 1-year duration of this Complete Utility Maintenance Notification.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This notification does not exempt you from meeting all other local, state, or federal permits or requirements. Work carried out in violation of any statute rule or condition is subject to enforcement action.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I will confirm that this Utility Notification has been deemed complete and has been issued a file number from NHDES by checking the "OneStop Wetland Permits Query" at: <a href="https://www4.des.state.nh.us/OneStop/">https://www4.des.state.nh.us/OneStop/</a> . I will record the NHDES file number on the top of Page 1 of this form.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This complete Utility Maintenance Notification is valid for one year from the Notification Completion Date as found on the NHDES OneStop website.		
8. SIGNATURE			
Mariclaire Rigby PRINT NAME LEGIBLY	 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	06 / 19 / 2019 DATE	

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- Legend**
-  Project Location
  -  Town Boundary



**USGS Project Location Map**  
 Line 451, 452, A201, B202/1305 ROW

Concord, New Hampshire

nationalgrid



Source: VHB, GRANIT, ESRI