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Project information for the communities of Millbury, Sutton, Northbridge, Uxbridge and Millville, Massachusetts

Current and Future Activity

Weeks of November 3 and November 10, 2014

The above photo shows a view of the cleared right-of-way off Richardson Street in Uxbridge. The cleared area will provide the space needed for the new 345-kV transmission line.

TREE CLEARING IN MASSACHUSETTS

Tree clearing for the Massachusetts portion of the Interstate Reliability Project has now been essentially completed with the exception of a few areas where environmental restrictions and access limit the work. These areas will be noted in future newsletters.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AND LOOK AHEAD

The access and road construction activity continues in a southerly direction following the tree clearing crews' path. Foundation work over the next two weeks will include areas near Central Turnpike, Purgatory Road and points

where Route 146 intersects the right-of-way.



The above photo shows a drill rig crew working on a foundation hole off Stone School Road in Sutton. Seven drill rig crews are currently working along the cleared route from the Millbury #3 Switching Station to the Rhode Island border. Drilling will take place at various points along the approximately 15 mile route of the new line, and not necessarily in sequence.



The above photo shows some of the materials being placed at the new structure sites off Stone School Road in Sutton, in preparation for construction. The corrugated metal tubes, such as the one shown lying on the ground at the site, are used in the foundation holes for the direct buried structures. The individual poles will be joined together on the ground to form an H-frame configuration and then lifted into place with a crane.



The above photo shows preparation activities for the start of wire and cable work in the area of the Millbury #3 Switching Station. The cable work will begin at the Millbury #3 Switching Station and move towards Providence Street.



The photo above shows the continuing construction at the Millbury #3 Switching Station. Work proceeds at a steady pace to build the infrastructure needed to accommodate the new transmission line.

Work is underway at the Millbury #3 Switching Station, located off Cross Street in Millbury. National Grid's contractor is performing various equipment upgrades and additions within the existing fence line of the station. This work will continue over the coming months. On occasion, due to electric system constraints, it will be necessary to perform some of this

work on Saturdays and Sundays.

Hunting Season and the Safety of Our Workers

During the hunting seasons in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, we ask hunters to refrain from hunting on and around the Interstate Reliability Project rights-of-way and access corridors. The Project areas are active work zones for well over 100 workers through 2015.

The safety of our workers is paramount, and we ask for your cooperation and consideration as you make your hunting plans.

Public Safety

To ensure public safety during construction of this project, access to the right-of-way will be restricted to National Grid, its contractors and authorized personnel only. Unauthorized use of the right-of-way is prohibited at all times.

- **All National Grid employees will have IDs and subcontractors will have contractor cards and IDs**
- **Signs and traffic controls will be in place to minimize any disruption and to protect public safety**
- **Please keep well away from active work areas and equipment**
- **If you have questions, please call (800) 506-0815**

Our Continued Commitment To You

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