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# The Interstate Reliability Project Massachusetts Updates



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

## Current and Future Activity

### Weeks of March 23 and March 30, 2015

*The above photo shows a drill rig crew working on a foundation off Central Street in Millville.*

## ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ACCESS WORK

Access work and road construction activity in the right-of-way is nearly completed in Uxbridge and Millville. Most of the road construction crews have crossed the state line at Central Street and are working on the Rhode Island section of the new 366 Line.

## FOUNDATION DRILLING ACTIVITY

Foundation drilling is nearly completed in Uxbridge and Millville. More than 96% of the foundation drilling work for the Massachusetts section of the 366 Line has been completed. Several drill rig crews have moved into Rhode Island at Central Street and are working in the transmission corridor at Pratt Pond in North Smithfield.

### **INSTALLATION AND FRAMING OF STRUCTURES**

In March, framing crews will be working in the right-of-way near High Street, Landry Lane, Richardson Street, Mill Street and Quaker Highway in Uxbridge. "H" frame steel structures are assembled (bolted together) on the ground. After the base structures have been erected, the framed top sections are set in place. Structure installation activity will take place over the next few weeks in the right-of-way near Mendon Road in Uxbridge and Main Street in Northbridge and will continue towards the Lackey Pond area.



*The above photo shows workers in a bucket truck installing wire for the new 366 Line south of Smith Road in Sutton.*

### **ROPE AND WIRE PULLING ACTIVITY**

The wire work from the Millbury #3 Substation to Central Pike in Sutton has been completed. Wire pulling activity will soon be underway from Central Pike to the right-of-way intersection with Route 146. After crossing Route 146, wire pulling activity will move towards Purgatory Road. The wire pulling activity over Route 146 will take place over the weekends and is scheduled to begin on March 28th. The work has been approved by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.



*The above photo shows a close-up of a bucket truck crew installing wire through a pulley.*

### **MILLBURY SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION**

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.



*The above photo shows some of the new 345-kV circuit breakers and switchgear installed at the Millbury #3 Switching Station. This equipment will be used to operate the new 366 Line being which is being constructed from the switching station to the West Farnum Substation in North Smithfield, Rhode Island.*

## 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

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