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

Current and Future Activity

Weeks of February 9 and 16, 2015

The above photo shows a bucket truck working in the right-of-way off Providence Road at the Aggregate Sand facility in Sutton.

INSTALLATION AND FRAMING OF STRUCTURES

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Work is underway along the transmission corridor in Sutton from Central Pike towards the right-of-way intersection with Route 146. Over the next few weeks, the crews will work toward Mendon Road, then cross the section of right-of-way at Main Street and Oakhurst Road in Northbridge and work towards Lackey Dam Road and Lackey Dam Pond in Uxbridge.



The above photo shows a drill crew working on a foundation hole at Mill Street in Uxbridge. Foundation holes can be up to 10 feet in diameter and 20 feet deep. Eight drill rig crews are working on the project in Massachusetts.

FOUNDATION DRILLING ACTIVITY

Foundation drilling work is underway in the area of Mill Street, Richardson Street and Quaker Highway in Uxbridge. Over the next few weeks, drill crews will continue toward the area between Old Millville Road, Uxbridge and Quaker Street in Millville. Crews will also be working in the area where the right-of-way crosses the Blackstone River in Uxbridge to the intersection with the Eversource (formerly NSTAR) line on Millville Road (Route 122).



The above photo shows rope pulling work at Central Street in Millville. Each reel on the four drum puller in the photo holds ten thousand feet of rope.

ROPE AND WIRE PULLING ACTIVITY

Initial rope pulling work and subsequent installation of hard wire will take place over the next few weeks in the transmission corridor from Boston Road to Central Pike in Sutton.

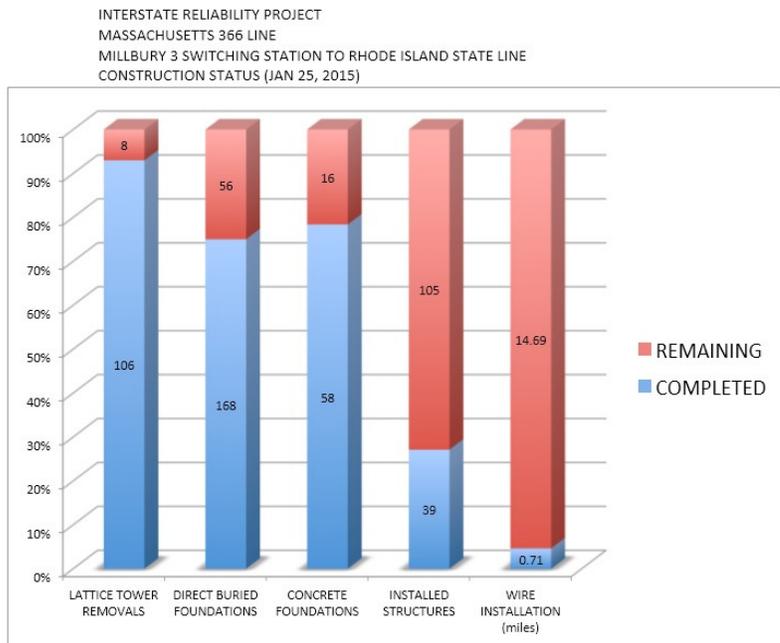
ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND ACCESS WORK

Over the next few weeks, access work and road construction activity in the right-of-way will take place at Quaker Street and Providence Street in Millville working towards the Rhode Island state line.

REMOVAL OF OLD LATTICE STRUCTURES

The removal of the decommissioned steel lattice towers to make way for the new 345 kV Line is 93% completed. Eight of the 114 decommissioned towers remain in the Massachusetts section of the right-of-way.

The graph below shows the percentage of work completed for some of the construction components for the new 366 Line (345-kV) being built from the Millbury #3 Switching Station in Millbury and continuing through Sutton, Northbridge, Uxbridge and Millville to the Rhode Island state line.



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, which 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.

HELICOPTER ACTIVITY UNDERWAY IN TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS

National Grid is conducting a semiannual helicopter inspection of more than 2,900 miles of high-voltage transmission lines in the service area for Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. The helicopter flyovers help to identify potential problems in the transmission lines. The inspection began the week of January 12th and is scheduled to be completed by mid-March.

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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