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September 21, 2015.

Ms. Kate Fitzpatrick
Town Administrator
Town of Needham
1741 Highland Avenue
Needham, MA 02492

Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick:

In accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regulations (220 CMR 22.00) Eversource Energy is hereby providing notice of planned and scheduled vegetation maintenance work on the electric transmission right-of-way (ROW) that is located within your town limits this year.

The planned maintenance will involve the selective removal of targeted vegetation species, primarily tall growing trees within the Right of Way (ROW). The primary method of control will include climbing & manual cutting and mechanical mowing & chipping. Wood shall be removed from Eversource ROW unless otherwise requested by the property owner. There are three segments of work on ROW 3 from Southborough to West Roxbury (20 + miles). The town of Needham has a portion of two segments (Segment 3 & Segment 2).

Segment 3 portion in Needham is from Chestnut St., east to the Dedham town line.

Work to be performed by Asplundh Tree.

The company ROW easement boundaries have been identified and marked in the field south of the MBTA railroad tracks. The extent of the selective removal of targeted vegetation species within the company easement is indicated by the wooden stakes marked "veg clearing". There is an expectation of removing larger trees within the areas marked "veg clearing". The vegetation maintenance work is south of the MBTA commuter rail tracks. The application of federally approved and state registered herbicides will be applied as a cut stump treatment (CST) to hardwood tree stumps to control targeted vegetation.

Segment 2 portion in Needham is from Chestnut St., west to the Dover town line.

Work to be performed by Northern Tree.

The extent of the tree removal is within the company easement which is generally 100 feet wide. There is an expectation of removing larger trees within the company easement.

Eversource's Integrated Vegetation Management Program (IVM) employs the Wire Zone-Border Zone method to maintain our transmission corridors. This method includes the establishment of two separate management zones. The Wire Zone is the area directly under the transmission lines, extending fifteen feet outside the wires at ground level. In the wire zone, all trees and brush are removed and native, low growing plant communities that have a mature height of 8 feet or less are established. The Border Zone is the area fifteen feet from the edge of the wires at ground level to the ROW easement edge. In the border zone, incompatible trees and brush are removed and the native trees and shrubs that have a mature height of 25 feet or less are preserved where possible. Tree removal is required to comply with our vegetation management clearance program requirements for ensuring that vegetation does not contact or encroach within minimum distances of the energized transmission system.

As required by the regulations, you are being informed of this proposed work through this letter. We are also required to submit this notice to you through electronic means.

All property owners and/or abutters of the transmission right-of-way where this work is planned will be receiving letters informing them of this work as well as door hanger notices in accordance with the current regulations. The time frame for this work to be started is 30 days after this dated letter through to the end of December 2015.



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Enclosed is a map that denotes the location of the ROW where work will be performed.

If you have any questions on the proposed work, please contact me at 781-441-3932.

Sincerely,

William N. Hayes Jr.

Enclosure: Map