

February 25, 2020

Reading Conservation Commission  
16 Lowell Street  
Reading, MA 01867

Dear Members of the Town of Reading Conservation Commission:

This letter is being submitted by New England Power d/b/a National Grid (NEP), to notify the Commission of necessary maintenance work along an existing overhead electrical utility line Right-of-Way (ROW) in Reading, Massachusetts. NEP has identified the need for routine vegetation maintenance work along the 339 Line, between poles 87 and 100 within the utility ROW through the towns of North Reading, Reading, and Lynnfield. Vegetation management crews will access the utility ROW from Haverhill Street in North Reading on foot and hand-cut vegetation underneath the 339 Line. No sideline trimming is anticipated unless a hazard tree is identified while crews are on-site. Where vegetation management activities are required within wetland resource areas, crews will walk in from upland areas. Cut vegetation will be removed from wetland resource areas to the furthest extent practicable. All work will be within existing and currently maintained portions of the ROW.

NEP is planning to perform this work in accordance with the provision of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (MGL 131-40) which allow for the maintaining, repairing, or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging existing structures or facilities provided that written notice has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work. If a wetland crossing is necessary, appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented as necessary to ensure that no long term adverse effects occur within wetland resources as a result of this necessary maintenance work. A copy of NEP's environmental guidance manual, EG-303NE which describes minimum standard operating procedures and BMPs is available upon request.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Kelan Koncewicz at (617) 607-6156 or myself at (781) 907-4768, otherwise the work will be completed as presented herein.

Very truly yours,



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cc:  
Timothy Sullivan, VHB