

July 2023

Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver dependable energy to our customers and communities, we are preparing to replace transmission structures in Weston, Easton, Fairfield, and Bridgeport. This project is one of several that are designed to improve the reliability of the electric system serving Connecticut. You're receiving this letter because project work will be taking place near your property.

### We are Always Working to Serve You Better

Mid- July, Eversource and its contractors Michels® and Supreme Industries began work on the Project within the right-of way in your town and will be near your property within the next week. We will be replacing existing lattice tower transmission structures with weathering steel structures and the existing ground wire (top-most wire) will be replaced with Fiber Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) to enable improved communications between substations. Work will also include replacing the existing conductor (energized wires) with new, upgraded conductor of the same voltage (115-kV).

### What You Can Expect

Since your property is on or near the Project route, here is important information about how we will work in your neighborhood:

- **Reliable Service:** Be assured that this work will not interrupt electric service to your property.
- **Proper Identification:** People working on this Project carry identification.
- **Where We'll Be Working:** All activity will take place on Eversource-owned property and/or within the limits of our utility easements on private property. You may see construction vehicles and equipment entering the substation property and right of way at the start and end of each workday on the following roadways:
  - White Birch Road
  - Tall Pines Drive
  - Hunt Lane
  - Gilbert Highway
  - North Street
  - Redding Road
- **Construction Hours:** Construction began mid-July 2023. Approved work hours are Monday through Saturday, 7am-7pm.
- **Construction Activities:**
  - **IN THE COMING WEEKS:** Crews will prepare access points and work sites for the equipment installations. This may require site grading, mowing/vegetation removal, installation of temporary construction matting, and building gravel access roads. To facilitate the installation of the new structures, the crews first drill foundations with the use of a drill rig. Drilling activities usually take place for a few days, depending on soil conditions.
  - **IN THE COMING MONTHS:** Crews will replace existing lattice structures with weathering steel monopole structures (a finish that "weathers" or darkens over time). After the new poles are installed, crews will install new conductor and OPGW.
  - **OVERALL, you can expect:**
    - There will be construction vehicles on the right of way, though we will make every effort to minimize impact to your property.
    - In wetland areas, we may install timber mats, which are flat surfaces to protect an area from construction activities and equipment; they will be removed at the end of the project.
    - Restoration, if needed, will take place when the project is complete.
- **Project Completion:** This project is expected to be fully completed May 2024 with restoration occurring between March and July 2024.

**Contact Us**

Keeping the lines of communication open is important to us. We would like to connect with you to discuss the Project, as well as obtain the best contact phone number and e-mail address to reach you moving forward. Please contact Erica Gonsiewski at (475) 201-8180 with any questions about the Project. You can also contact our Project hotline at 1-800-793-2202 or send an email to [ProjectInfo@eversource.com](mailto:ProjectInfo@eversource.com)

Sincerely,

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