EVERSOURCE

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Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, we are preparing for an upcoming project in your community. This project is one of several that are designed to improve the reliability of the electric system serving New Hampshire and surrounding areas where we all work and live.

We're Always Working to Serve You Better

Eversource identified the need to replace the structures, conductor (wire), and install fiber optic cable, known as Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) along our existing Q195 transmission line. This line, originally constructed in 1958, crosses through the towns of Whitefield, Dalton, and Littleton, NH and Waterford and Concord, VT. Recent physical inspections and engineering analysis of the line revealed many of the existing 65-year-old structures are in need of replacement from woodpecker damage, insect damage, and pole rot. Due to this, all of the wooden structures will be changed to steel, which are more resilient. Furthermore, the steel poles can better withstand the heavier OPGW and intense storms that we increasingly experience here in New Hampshire and Vermont.

All towns along the Q195 power line have been notified of this project. We are in the process of finalizing all local, state, and federal permits necessary in support of this project and will work to obtain those permits over the next several months.

What You Can Expect

This structure replacement project, from our Whitefield Substation in Whitefield to the Littleton Substation in Littleton, includes replacing existing wooden structures with new steel structures as well as replacing the wire and hardware. Once the new structures are installed, we will remove the old structures from the power line corridor. The project will be fully performed within the existing Q195 tranmission line easement corridor.

In the coming months, Eversource, through its contractors, will be performing field work within the power line corridor in your area. This work may include soil and other inspections, engineering and environmental surveying, data collection, drone surveys, and identification and/or maintenance of access roads. All personnel working on this project will carry identification.

After securing required permits, construction is expected to begin in the second quarter 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in the third quarter 2025. Please keep in mind that the schedule may change due to weather or other unexpected circumstances.

Health and Safety Is Our Top Priority

Please know that Eversource remains committed to prioritizing public health as well as the health of employees and contractors. All Eversource personnel follow applicable health and safety guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For More Information

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/or e-mail address to reach you moving forward. Please contact our project hotline at 1-888-926-5334 or send an email to NHProjectsInfo@eversource.com to provide that information or to discuss the project.

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor and doing our work with respect for you and your property. We will continue to provide regular project notifications via mailings, phone calls, and/or emails. Thank you for your patience as this important project moves forward.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Codispoti
Eversource Project Services

Whitefield to Littleton Line Rebuild Project (Q195)

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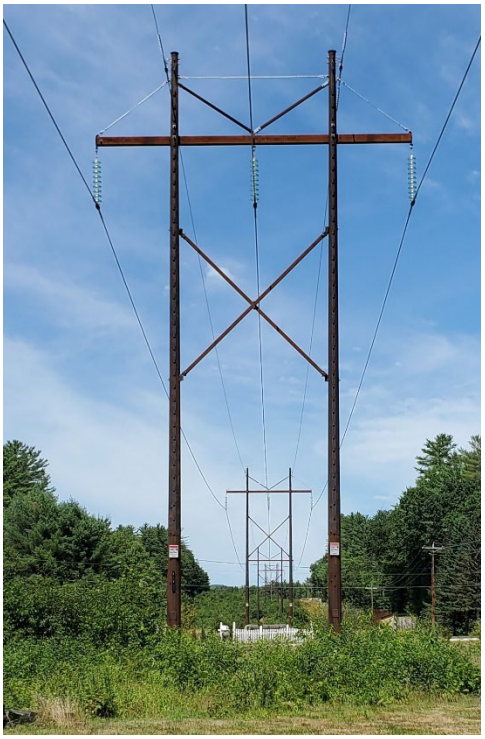
Improving the Reliability of the Electric System across New Hampshire

Project Overview

As part of our ongoing investments to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, Eversource will be replacing existing wooden pole structures, in Whitefield, Dalton, and Littleton, N.H, and in Concord and Waterford, VT.

- This work will be taking place within the existing right-of-way (power line corridor) of the Q195 Line, a 115kV transmission line.
- The line is 18 miles long and is located between the Whitefield Substation in Whitefield, N.H., and Littleton Substation in Littleton, N.H.
- The project also includes replacing poles along the Littleton Tap, a 1-mile-long power line that connects the Q195 main line to the Moore Station in Waterford, Vermont.
- In total, 229 wooden H-frame structures will be replaced, new conductor (power line) and fiber optic cable, known as Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) will be installed the length of the line.



Example of a structure to be installed

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Eversource is making a significant investment in electric infrastructure in order to provide enhanced system reliability for local communities. The new steel structures will be more resilient and less susceptible to woodpecker damage, insect damage and pole rot. The new structures will also have reliability enhancements to protect the system from damage due to severe weather, including floods.

The OPGW that is being installed on this line enables faster and more reliable communication between Eversource's substations (the communication is not related to any cellular or telecom service). This communication allows for increased visibility of our system, quicker response times for system issues, increased automation, reduces outages and their length, and, overall, improves reliability across the electric system.

What You Can Expect

We intend to rebuild the line in the same location it is today, with some variations. We attempted to minimize structure height increases wherever possible, while ensuring current electrical standards and safety clearances are met and while also balancing other important considerations, such as environmental impacts. Overall, major tree removals are not anticipated for construction-related activity, though some may be necessary for access in various locations.

Anticipated Project Schedule

(schedule is subject to change due to weather or other unexpected circumstances)

- Local and State Permitting: 3rd Quarter 2022 through 4th Quarter 2023
- Vermont Siting: 2nd Quarter 2023
- Construction: 2nd Quarter 2024 through 3rd Quarter 2025
- Site Restoration: 3rd and 4th Quarter 2025

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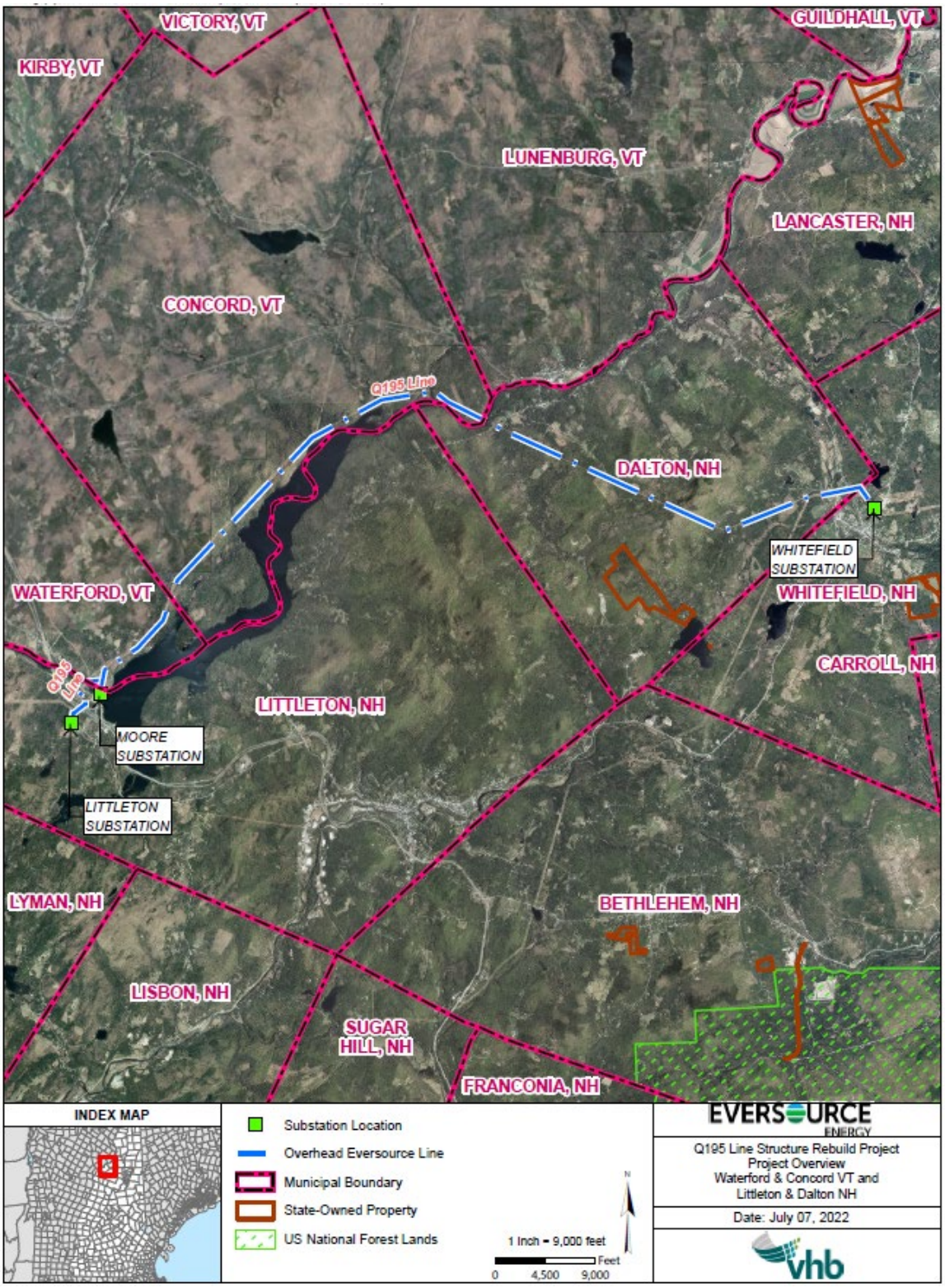

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