

To: New England Planning Advisory Committee Members

From: Eversource Energy

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Subject: Eversource Update on Schedule for X178 Rebuild Project

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Eversource Energy would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the thoughtful questions, comments and requests received in response to our February presentation of our planned rebuild of the X178 115 kV line in northern New Hampshire. Participation from the PAC is important to informing our asset management efforts and is greatly appreciated, especially in the context of ongoing discussions regarding enhancements to the regional asset condition project planning and reporting processes. After the February PAC meeting, we received several questions about potential project alternatives, and are performing additional analysis based on these questions. We now anticipate making our second presentation at the June 20, 2024 PAC meeting, rather than the May 15, 2024 PAC meeting as originally indicated. We also plan to delay the start of construction and in-service date for the project pending the results of this additional analysis.

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¹ <u>Presentation Link</u>; Eversource requested that all stakeholder comments be submitted by March 14, 2024 in order to allow adequate time to develop detailed responses and perform additional analysis.