

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 5, 2019

### Press Release

#### Eversource to begin Redding to Wilton Electric System Upgrade Project

Eversource has scheduled an electric system upgrade called the Redding to Wilton Upgrade Project. This is a State of Connecticut approved project, not a Town of Wilton project. This information is being provided as a public service.

The project is designed to improve the reliability of the electric system. Starting in June, work will begin within the right of way (power line corridor) between the Peaceable Substation in Redding and the Wilton Substation at 53 Old Danbury Road passing through the towns of Redding, Weston, and Wilton.

Property owners near the project route were recently notified of the project in a letter from Eversource (see attached). The letter outlined project work and what property owners near the project route can expect as follows:

#### Project Work

Starting in June, work will begin to replace existing aged wood structures with new, more durable steel structures with a finish that “weathers” or darkens over time. Prior to replacing structures, Eversource will also conduct its cyclical Vegetation Maintenance program which may include:

- Clearing of incompatible trees and/or removal of branches that are encroaching into the right of way.
- Removing tall-growing tree species that are incompatible to the transmission system, using manual climbing crew or mechanical tree-harvesting equipment, and tree-chipping machinery.
- Removal of vegetation within the cleared areas of the right of way, through cutting and mowing.

#### What to Expect

Eversource advised property owners what they can expect during the project:

- Reliable Service: Be assured that this work will not interrupt electric service to properties.
- Proper Identification: All people working on this project carry identification.
- Work Location: Construction activity will take place on Eversource-owned property or within the limits of the utility easement on properties or on nearby properties. Sometimes Eversource may access the utility easement from a private property on which it has an access agreement.
- Communication: Keeping the lines of communication open is important. Eversource will provide additional updates to keep property owners informed as work progresses. Eversource would like feedback on how property owners prefer to receive information on the project. In addition to mailing letters, Eversource can send property owners e-mail or text message updates with information specific to their area, including potential extended work hours or other matters. Property owners may contact Eversource at [TransmissionInfo@eversource.com](mailto:TransmissionInfo@eversource.com) or call 1-800-793-2202 to provide preferred method of contact.

- Construction Hours: The hours for construction will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Due to weather or other unexpected circumstances, from time to time the crews may need to work longer hours or work on a Sunday.
- Pre-construction Photos: Eversource routinely takes pictures to document the pre-construction condition of the project route and anticipated work areas.
- Construction Activities: Project construction will take place in phases:

#### IN THE COMING WEEKS:

Crews will begin survey work on the right-of-way ahead of vegetation removal and construction activities.

#### DURING THE COURSE OF THE PROJECT:

- Tree and vegetation removal with installation of access roads and work pads on the existing right of way;
- Soil drilling for replacement structures;
- Installing replacement structures on the existing right of way;
- Installing new wire on the replacement structures and removing old structures;
- Final restoration of areas disturbed by the work.

#### PROJECT COMPLETION:

We expect to complete the project and do final restoration of disturbed areas by the spring of 2020.

#### Contact Eversource

Eversource is committed to being a good neighbor, and doing its work with respect for property owners and their properties. Questions about the project may be directed to 1-800-793-2202 or email at [TransmissionInfo@eversource.com](mailto:TransmissionInfo@eversource.com).

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May 31, 2019

Dear Neighbor,

As part of its everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to its customers, Eversource has scheduled an electric system upgrade in your area, called the Redding to Wilton Upgrade Project (Project). This project is designed to improve the reliability of the electric system serving your region.

### We're Always Working to Serve You Better

Starting this month, work will begin to replace existing aged wood structures with new, more durable steel structures with a finish that “weathers” or darkens over time. This work will take place within the right of way (power line corridor) between our Peaceable Substation in Redding and our Wilton Substation in Wilton, Conn. passing through the towns of Redding, Weston, and Wilton.

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### What You Can Expect

Since your property is 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:** All people working on this project carry identification.
- **Where We'll Be Working:** Construction activity will take place on Eversource-owned property or within the limits of our utility easement on your property or on a nearby property. Sometimes we access the utility easement from a private property on which we have an access agreement.
- **Communication:** Keeping the lines of communications open is important to us. We will provide additional updates to keep you informed as work progresses. **We would like your feedback on how you prefer to receive information on the project.** In addition to mailing letters, we can send you e-mail or text message updates with information specific to your area, including potential extended work hours or other matters. Please contact us at [TransmissionInfo@eversource.com](mailto:TransmissionInfo@eversource.com) or call 1-800-793-2202 to provide us with your preferred method of contact.

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Sincerely,



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