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Vegetation Management Strategy
939 Southbridge Street
Worcester, MA 01610

April 28, 2018

Isaiah Robison
Leverett Conservation Commission Chair
9 Montague Rd
Leverett, MA 01054

Dear Isaiah Robison:

National Grid (New England Power Company and/or Massachusetts Electric Company) is hereby providing notice of planned and scheduled vegetation sideline maintenance work on the transmission right-of-way (ROW) in Leverett, in accordance with your local bylaw. *(Please note that this notification is separate from any notifications you would receive for IVM (floor) maintenance).*

Sideline maintenance work consists of removing or pruning danger trees that are within National Grid fee owned property or easement and are capable of causing interruptions to power when they fail. National Grid does not remove all plant species on the ROW but rather encourages the establishment of low growing plant communities that will out-compete/over-shadow the tall growing incompatible species from becoming established within the ROW.

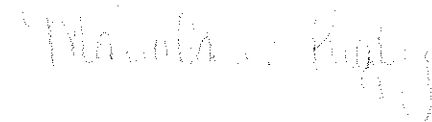
The scheduled vegetation management work is being done to improve reliability by keeping incompatible vegetation (trees) away from electric transmission lines and facilities in order to prevent power outages; therefore, it constitutes maintenance of utility structures and facilities.

For the maintenance work within wetland resource areas, National Grid utilizes appropriate Best Management Practices which include, but are not limited to: the use of tree climbers, tracked equipment, and seasonal frozen ground to ensure no long term adverse effects within the wetland resource. Trees are cut as close to the ground as possible, and no grubbing will occur.

This work will be conducted between 30 days from the letter postdate above and March 31, 2019.

If you have any additional questions about the work being conducted, please contact Eric Gemborys at (978) 840-3816 or by email Eric.Gemborys@nationalgrid.com

Sincerely,



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