

News Release

Massive Electrical Equipment on the Move to Eversource Substation

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (August 2, 2016) – As part of our ongoing commitment to improve service to customers, Eversource is planning the deliveries of large pieces of electrical equipment to its substation in Northfield, Mass. The deliveries are part of a regional transmission system upgrade designed to boost system reliability and improve the flow of power in Western Massachusetts.

“This upgrade is part of a regional electric transmission project designed to improve reliability and promote the efficient flow of power throughout Western Massachusetts,” said Craig Hallstrom, President of Regional Electric Operations for Eversource. “Once this new transformer is in service, our customers will have a stronger, more resilient and secure power grid.”

The massive electrical transformer will be delivered in three parts to a substation located at Northfield Mountain Pumped Storage Facility on Millers Falls Road. This device is used to adjust voltage downward from that of a transmission line to a local distribution line. The significant height and weight of each of the three parts – more than 15 feet and nearly 300,000 pounds – requires a special truck for delivery which is more than 85 feet long.

The deliveries are scheduled between August 3 and 15, 2016, weather permitting. Each delivery will occur between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., to minimize impacts on local traffic. A photo of the vehicle and a map of the delivery route are attached below.

Details include the following:

- Arrived in Northfield via freight rail road to a rail siding on Upper Farms Road
- Proceeds south on Millers Falls Road
- Left into the Northfield Mountain driveway to the substation
- Total route is approximately five miles.

The Massachusetts State Police will escort each delivery to ensure the safety of motorists. The convoy will move at a maximum speed of about 10 mph as the equipment carrier makes its way up Millers Falls Road, which should take two to three hours to complete.

Eversource (NYSE: ES) transmits and delivers electricity and natural gas to 1.7 million customers throughout Massachusetts, including approximately 1.4 million electric customers in 140 communities and 300,000 gas customers in 51 communities. Recognized in 2015 as the top-ranked “green” utility in the U.S. by Newsweek magazine, Eversource harnesses the commitment of its approximately 8,000 employees across three states to build a single, united company around the mission of delivering reliable energy and superior customer service. For more information, please visit our website (www.eversource.com) and follow us on Twitter ([@eversourceMA](https://twitter.com/eversourceMA)) and Facebook (facebook.com/EversourceMA).

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