

# 705W1 Distribution Project

Wendell and Shutesbury, Massachusetts

June 2023

## WHAT?

As one of your regional electricity providers, National Grid regularly updates our systems to ensure that you receive the best possible service to your home and business every day.

The 705W1 Project aims to improve reliability for the 705W1 feeder, which provides electricity to our customers, by upgrading approximately 9 miles of electric distribution lines and poles. The Project will involve:

- Replacement of ~362 utility poles
  - Most poles will be replaced for extra height with 45- and 50-foot structures, in the same location as the existing poles. A small number of new poles may be placed in select locations where necessary.
- Replacement of pole anchors that improve stability of the poles
- Reconductoring, or installing new electric cable, of the 705W1 line

## WHERE?

The Project will occur along the roadside of the route traveling through Wendell and Shutesbury, Massachusetts. **The extent of the project is illustrated on the other side of this page.**

## WHY?

The 705W1 feeder has been identified as a problem feeder and is predicted to continue to be a poor performing line until the necessary updates are made.

This project is expected to positively impact customers and businesses by improving the quality of power delivery to the community.

The proposed work will reduce outage frequency and duration for customers. Once the improvements are implemented, 705W1 should no longer be among the poor-performing feeder list.

## WHEN?

Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2023 and be completed in Spring 2024. Prior to the start of pole replacements tree trimming crews will be traveling along the lines to trim and lift the canopy. Tree trimming and canopy lifting is an important part of the safe and reliable delivery of electricity. Once the new poles are set in place, crews will then start the reconductoring of the line.

## STAY INFORMED

National Grid is committed to keeping you informed and encourages feedback from project neighbors, public officials, and other stakeholders. We are committed to keeping, residents, businesses, community groups, and local officials informed about this Project.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please reach out to the Stakeholder Relations representative, Bethany Rocha.

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# 705W1 Distribution Line Route

