

# J136S Tap Line

Sterling & Leominster, Massachusetts

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## WHAT

As one of your regional electricity providers, National Grid routinely updates our systems infrastructure to ensure that you receive the most reliable service to your home and business every day.

The J136S Tap Line Rebuild Project (the Project) will upgrade approximately 3.1 miles of the existing J136S Tap Line within the existing right-of-way (ROW) while remaining in operation as a 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. **The J136S Tap Line Rebuild Project will involve:**

- Rebuilding the existing J136S Tap Line (40 structures) along a new alignment, approximately 40 feet to the east of the existing line; removal of the existing J136S Tap Line (42 structures); replacement of the existing electric conductors; and installing Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) within the existing Rights-Of-Way (ROW) easements
- Vegetation management efforts (40-50 feet of expanded maintained width within the existing ROW). Construction of new and improved access

## WHERE

The Project will upgrade a 3-mile segment of overhead power lines that travel between Pratts Junction Substation (Pratts Junction Road, Sterling) and the Litchfield Street Substation (Litchfield Street, Leominster). All work is proposed within the existing ROW easement and National Grid-owned parcels. **(please see map on other side of this page).**

## WHY

A strong electrical transmission system is vital to our region's safety, security, and economic prosperity. The Project will modernize the existing transmission tap line and install a telecommunication system between substations.

## WHEN

Pre-construction efforts will occur prior to construction mobilization and include activities such as Rights-Of-Way improvements, select clearing and vegetation management efforts within the existing Transmission Rights-of-Way (ROW) among additional activities. Construction efforts are currently anticipated to begin in January 2027.

## 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.

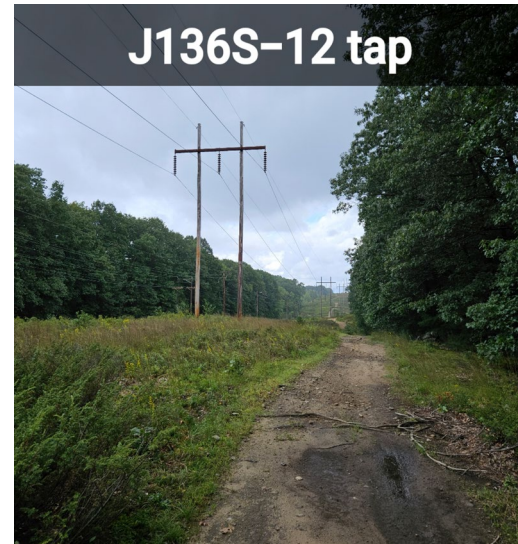
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*Right-of-way (ROW) existing structure*

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# I135/J136S Tap Transmission Line Project Overview

