

Acushnet to Fall River Reliability Project

WHAT?

The Acushnet to Fall River Reliability Project is a proposed 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line to be constructed in approximately 12.1 miles of an existing right-of-way (ROW) power line corridor. In May 2016, the Independent System Operator-New England (ISO-NE) selected this project as one of the preferred solutions to address the area's reliability needs.

WHO?

National Grid and Eversource Energy will join forces in this proposed project to enhance the reliability of the regional transmission grid.

WHERE?

The proposed project will be constructed in an existing ROW, with approximately 7.9 miles located in Acushnet, Dartmouth and New Bedford, MA (Eversource Energy) and approximately 4.2 miles in Fall River, MA (National Grid). The new transmission line is proposed to be built on the south side of the power line corridor alongside an existing 115 kV transmission line.

WHY?

The transmission grid serves as the backbone of the electric system and is vital to our region's safety, security, and economic prosperity. ISO-NE determined that additional transmission infrastructure is needed in this area to maintain system reliability.

WHEN?

Pending regulatory approvals, construction would begin in early 2026, and the project would be placed in service in early 2027. The project will undergo a rigorous approval process with the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board, as well as other federal, state and local agencies. National Grid and Eversource are undertaking extensive community outreach to inform and elicit feedback from project stakeholders, including municipalities, business owners, residents and community groups.

MAP OF PROPOSED PROJECT

