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# Electric and Magnetic Fields Summary

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#### Summary

This section provides electric and magnetic fields (EMF) information for the Project, presenting projections for future EMF levels associated with the proposed transmission line in each segment of the Preferred Route. Because the Project will follow along existing sub-transmission corridors, EMF from those sources are also discussed.

Section 1 provides general background information about EMF – what it is and typical levels encountered in the environment. Section 2 summarizes new developments in EMF Health Research since 2007. Section 3 outlines the methods for calculating fields and summarizes the calculated magnetic fields to comply with the requirements of the Commission. Section 4 provides a list of the references used in writing this summary.

The company prepared calculations of magnetic field levels in the vicinity of the proposed transmission lines under average annual loads and annual peak loads. Under all of these conditions, the calculated electric and magnetic fields are well below the exposure levels corresponding to ICNIRP and ICES Basic Restriction limits summarized in the table below.

	EF (kV/m) MF (mG		
ICES	26.8	9,150	
ICNIRP	36.4	12,400	

 Table 1 - Summary of EMF levels corresponding to Basic Restrictions on public exposure from international scientific agencies

In addition, there are two appendices for this report. Attachment A contains tabulated results of the calculated electric and magnetic fields for the Project. Appendix 40 provides a review of relevant scientific literature since June of 2007 that was prepared by Exponent, Inc.

## 1 Electric and Magnetic Fields from Power Lines and Other Sources

Electricity used in homes and workplaces is transmitted over considerable distances. Electricity is transmitted as alternating current (AC) to all homes and over electric lines delivering power to neighborhoods, factories, and commercial establishments. The power provided by electric utilities in North America oscillates 60 times per second (i.e., at a frequency of 60 hertz (Hz)).

**Electric fields** are the result of voltages applied to electrical conductors and equipment. The electric field is expressed in measurement units of volts per meter (V/m) or kilovolts per meter (kV/m); 1 kV/m is equal to 1,000 V/m. Most objects, including fences, shrubbery, and buildings, easily block electric fields. Therefore, certain appliances within homes and the workplace are the major sources of electric fields indoors, while power lines are the major sources of electric fields outdoors (Figure 1, lower panel).

**Magnetic fields** are produced by the flow of electric currents; however, unlike electric fields, most materials do not readily block magnetic fields. The level of a magnetic field is commonly expressed as magnetic flux density in units called gauss (G), or in milliGauss (mG), where  $1 \text{ G} = 1,000 \text{ mG.}^1$  The magnetic field level at any point depends on characteristics of the source, including the arrangement of conductors, the amount of current flow through the source, and its distance from the point of measurement. The levels of both electric fields and magnetic fields diminish with increasing distance from the source.

Background AC magnetic field levels in homes are generally less than 20 mG when not near a particular source, such as some appliances. Higher magnetic field levels can be measured outdoors in the vicinity of distribution lines, sub-transmission lines, and transmission lines (Figure 1, upper panel).

Electric appliances are among the strongest sources of AC magnetic fields encountered in indoor environments. Magnetic fields near appliances can reach 1,000 mG or more. For example, Gauger (1985) reports the maximum AC magnetic field at 3 centimeters from a sampling of appliances as follows: 3,000 mG (can opener), 2,000 mG (hair dryer), 5 mG (oven), and 0.7 mG (refrigerator). Similar measurements have shown that there is a tremendous variability among appliances made by different manufacturers. The potential contribution of different sources to overall exposure over long periods is not very well characterized, but both repeated exposure to higher fields for short times and longer exposure to lower intensity fields for a long time contribute to an individual's total exposure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Scientists more commonly refer to magnetic fields in units of microTesla ( $\mu$ T). Magnetic fields in units of  $\mu$ T can be converted to milliGauss (mG) by multiplying by 10, i.e., 0.1  $\mu$ T = 1 mG.

Considering EMF from a perspective of specific sources or environments, as illustrated in Figure 1, does not fully reflect the variations in an individual's personal exposure as encountered in everyday life. To illustrate this, magnetic field measurements were recorded, over a two-hour period, by a meter worn at the waist of an Exponent engineer who conducted a range of typical daily activities.

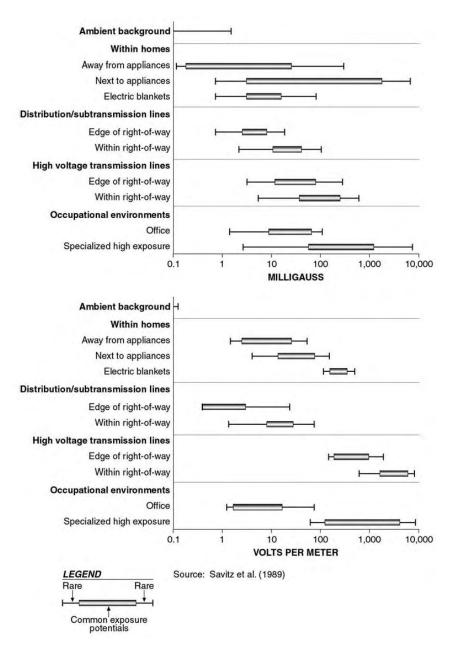


Figure 1 - Electric and Magnetic Fields in the Environment

As illustrated in Figure 2, these activities included a visit to the post office and the library, walking along the street, getting ice cream, browsing in a bicycle shop, stopping in a chocolate

shop, going to the bank/ATM, driving along streets, shopping in a supermarket, stopping for gas, and purchasing food at a fast food restaurant.

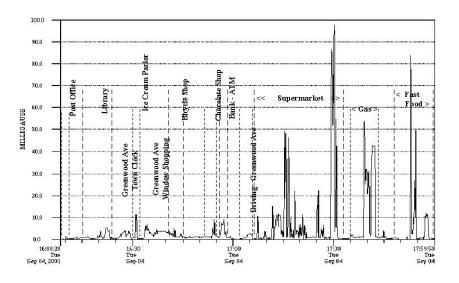


Figure 2 - Measured Magnetic Fields Recorded during Typical Daily Activities (Bethel, CT)

During the course of the two hours, a maximum magnetic field of 97.55 mG was measured in the supermarket (Table 1). As Figure 2 shows, from moment-to-moment in everyday life, magnetic fields are encountered that vary in intensity over a wide range.

Magnetic Field Levels (milliGauss, mG)							
Maximum* Average Median							
97.55 4.57 1.10							

\*Maximum occurred in the supermarket

Table 2 - Summary of Magnetic Fields Measured in a Connecticut Town (Bethel)

In June 2007, the World Health Organization (WHO) released its, to date, most comprehensive review that summarized the current scientific evidence and consensus on potential effects related to extremely low frequency (ELF) EMF.<sup>2</sup> The WHO concluded, as it is also currently stated on its website, that "current evidence does not confirm the existence of any health consequences from exposure to low level electromagnetic fields." While the WHO report also recognized the statistical associations reported from some childhood leukemia epidemiologic studies, in their assessment, it only provided limited evidence for a potential effect, because chance, confounding and bias could not be excluded with certainty as an explanation for the reported association. The WHO report also noted that "virtually all of the laboratory evidence and the mechanistic evidence fails to support a relationship" and, for the association, "on balance, the evidence is not strong enough to be considered causal." Based on this review, the WHO concluded with respect to other diseases that "the scientific evidence supporting an association between ELF magnetic field exposure and all of these health effects is much weaker than for childhood leukemia." The conclusions of the WHO report were consistent with those of other public health groups that had conducted review prior to the WHO report, including published reviews by the National Institute for Environmental and Health Sciences (NIEHS, 1999), the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC, 2002), the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA, 2003),<sup>3</sup> the National Radiological Protection Board of Great Britain (NRPB, 2004), and the Health Council of the Netherlands (HCN, 2005).<sup>4</sup> Authoritative reviews conducted following the WHO report, including those by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) in 2010, and the European Union's Scientific Committee on Emerging and Newly Identified Health Risks (SCENIHR) in 2015, have arrived to similar conclusions. None of these agencies concluded that the evidence confirms the existence of adverse health effects of ELF EMF.

To assist the Committee in evaluating the most up-to-date research, Eversource commissioned William H. Bailey, Ph.D., Gabor Mezei, M.D., Ph.D. and other scientists at Exponent to provide a report that systematically evaluates recent peer-reviewed research and reviews by scientific panels, specifically including any published since those considered in the WHO's review of 2007. Exponent's report, which is provided in Appendix 40 includes a review of research and reviews published from June 2007 through November 2014. Significantly, Exponent's report concludes:

In conclusion, recent studies when considered in context of previous research do not provide evidence to alter the conclusion that ELF EMF exposure at the levels we encounter in our everyday environment including transmission lines is not a cause of cancer or any other disease process. (Appendix 40, p. 52).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The ELF EMF range of frequencies includes 60 Hz EMF that is associated with electricity in North America.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ARPANSA released an updated evaluation of EMF research and a draft standard in 2006, which is largely consistent with those of WHO and other national and international health agencies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Health Council of the Netherlands issued an updated report in 2009.

## 2 Calculated Electric and Magnetic Fields from Proposed Facilities

The major sources of EMF associated with the Project are the proposed transmission line and other distribution lines in the vicinity of the Project. Transformers and other equipment within the Madbury and Portsmouth Substations are also potential EMF sources, but would cause little or no exposure to the general public. That is because "[i]n a substation, the strongest fields near the perimeter fence come from the transmission and distribution lines entering and leaving the substation. The strength of fields from equipment inside the fence decreases rapidly with distance, reaching very low levels at relatively short distances beyond substation fences." (IEEE Std 1127<sup>TM</sup>-2013). Because the fields outside the perimeter fence of a substation are highest directly above or below where transmission and distribution lines enter and leave the substation, measuring and calculating the EMF levels associated with transmission lines effectively addresses potential EMF exposures close to substations.

#### 2.1 Calculations Assumptions for MF from Transmission Lines

Eversource calculated pre- and post-construction magnetic field levels using methods described in the Electric Power Research Institute's *AC Transmission Line Reference Book – 200-kV and Above, Third*. With accurate input data, the equations in these references will accurately predict magnetic fields measured near power lines. The inputs to the calculation are data regarding current flow, circuit phasing, sheath and wire bonding, conductor and cable sizes and locations. The fields associated with power lines were estimated along profiles drawn perpendicular to the lines assuming flat terrain, at a point of lowest conductor sag for overhead transmission lines (25 feet for lowest conductor of an overhead 34.5-kV line, 30 feet for a 115-kV line or 35 feet for a 345-kV line) and at a point of shallowest depth for the underground 115-kV transmission line (45 inches for the uppermost power cable). All calculations were made for a height of 1 meter (3.28 feet) above ground, in accordance with standard practice (IEEE Std, 644-1994, R2008).

A calculation of magnetic fields first requires determining the currents that will flow on the affected lines under each set of conditions to be studied. For the New Hampshire transmission system, these currents are determined by modeling the transmission system with a specific system load level, generation dispatch, and direction/magnitude of power transfers in or out of New Hampshire. Each condition to be studied is selected in a conservative way so as to lead to calculation results that would likely be higher than actual magnetic field values under the assumed loading condition. Eversource calculated magnetic fields for existing lines under pre-Project conditions and for the proposed and existing lines under post-Project conditions in 2018 for two system loading conditions, Annual Peak Load (APL) and Annual Average Load (AAL). The calculations for Average Annual Load are the most useful for comparing before and after field levels for any 'typical' day, so these results are presented below in profiles and tables.

Additionally, magnetic field levels at 25-foot intervals are also presented for the base design designs at AAL and APL together with associated electric field levels, in Attachment A.

#### 2.1.1 System Load and Generator Dispatch

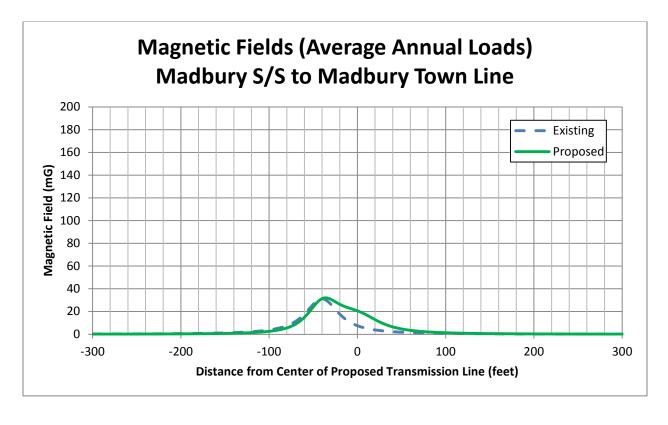
Eversource analyzed the system under varying load conditions with reasonably appropriate generator dispatches. All transmission lines were assumed in service. Only transmission projects with Proposed Plan Application (PPA) approval in accordance with Section I.3.9 of the Tariff, as of the January 2015 RSP Project Listing, were included in the study base case. There are no system topology changes that are relevant to this study area when considering the 2018 system model. Loads assumed on the transmission system for New England are summarized in Table 3 below. Generator dispatch plays a role in the calculation of magnetic fields. For the purposes of these calculations, the Schiller Units (4, 5 & 6) were assumed to be off. This is not an unreasonable situation and maximizes the current flow on the new F107 line. This yields more conservative results.

Load Case	Description	2014 Load (MW)	2019 Load (MW)
Annual Peak Load ("APL")	90/10 Summer Peak ISO-NE L+L	31250	33335
Peak Day Average Load ("PDAL"	85% of 90/10 Peak	26563	28335
Average Annual Load ("AAL")	Annual Hourly Average	15000	15000

Table 3 - New England System Loads Used for Assumptions

#### 2.1.2 Calculated Magnetic Fields During Assumed Average Annual Loads

Calculated magnetic fields are presented here as a profile looking along the right-of-way ("ROW") from Madbury Substation (in the Town of Madbury) towards Portsmouth Substation (in the Town of Portsmouth). The calculations are prepared for a distance of 300 feet on either side of the proposed 115-kV transmission line. Fields are plotted for both the existing distribution lines and the proposed transmission lines on the same figure. Below each graph is a depiction of the ROW showing both the existing and proposed facilities.



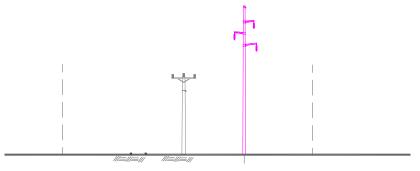
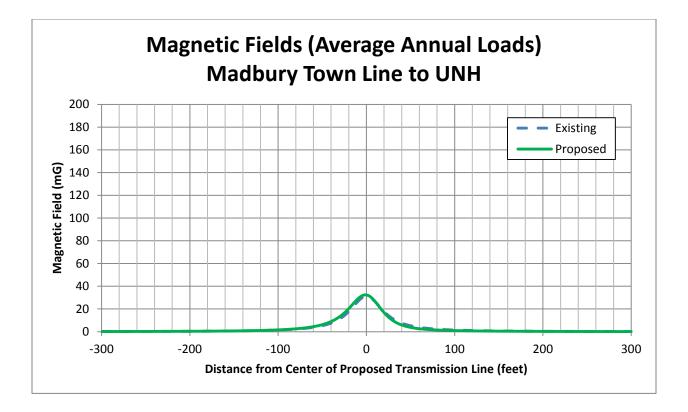


Figure 3 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Madbury S/S to Madbury Town Line



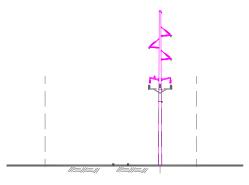
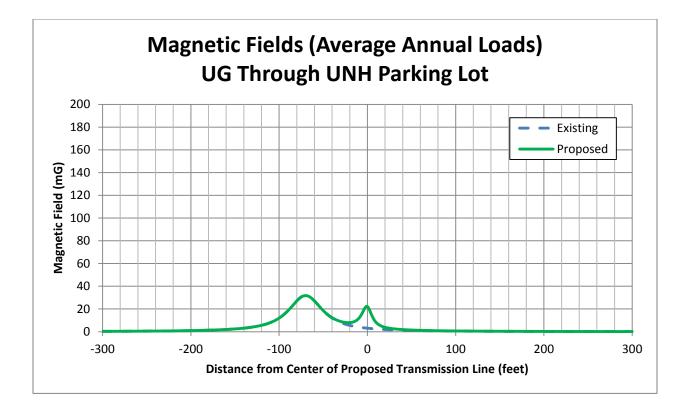


Figure 4 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Madbury Town Line to University of New Hampshire



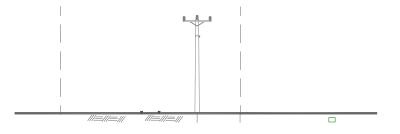
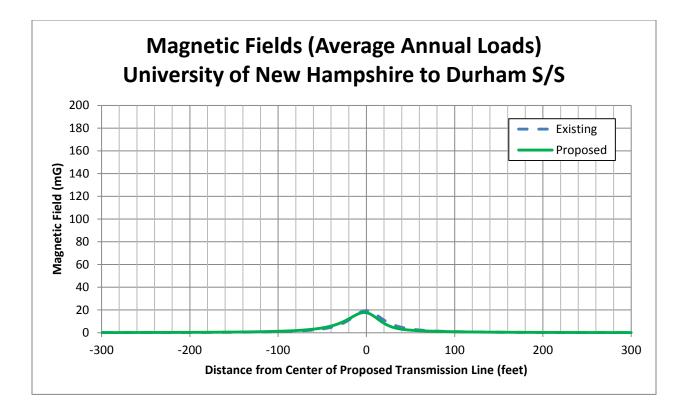


Figure 5 - Magnetic Field Calculations for the Underground Transmission Line in the vicinity of the University of New Hampshire



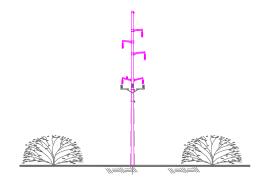
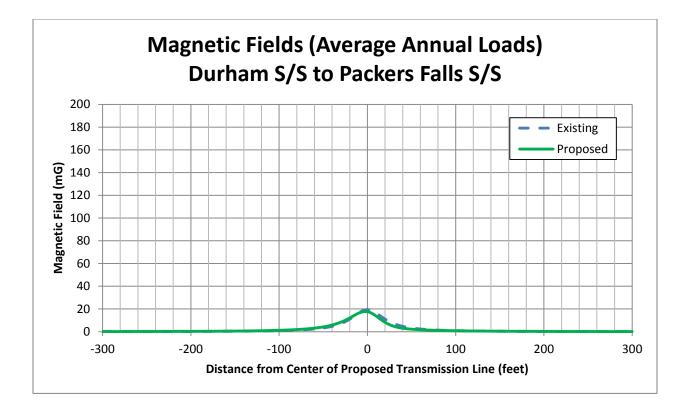


Figure 6 - Magnetic Field Calculations for University of New Hampshire to Durham Substation



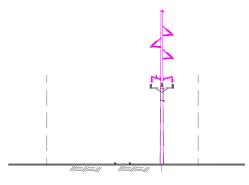
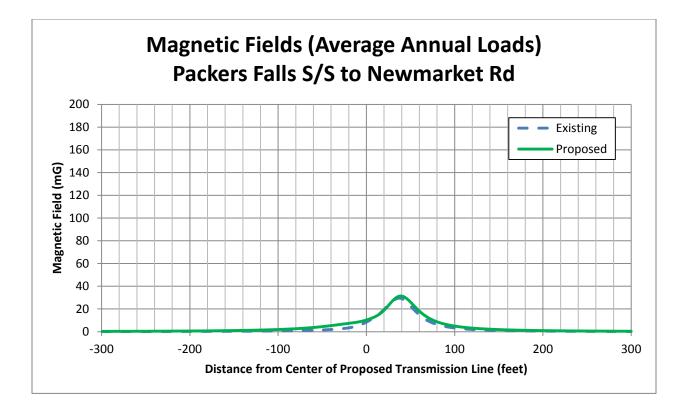


Figure 7 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Durham Substation to Packers Falls Substation



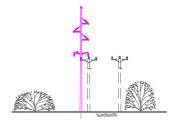
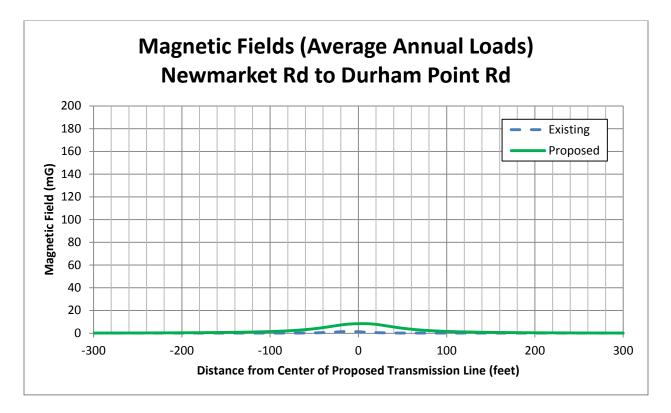


Figure 8 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Packers Falls Substation to Newmarket Road



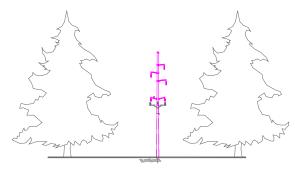
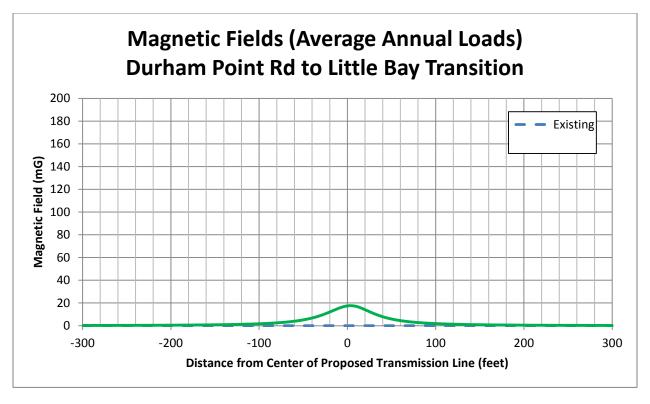


Figure 9 - Magnetic Field Calculation for Newmarket Road to Durham Point Road



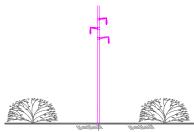
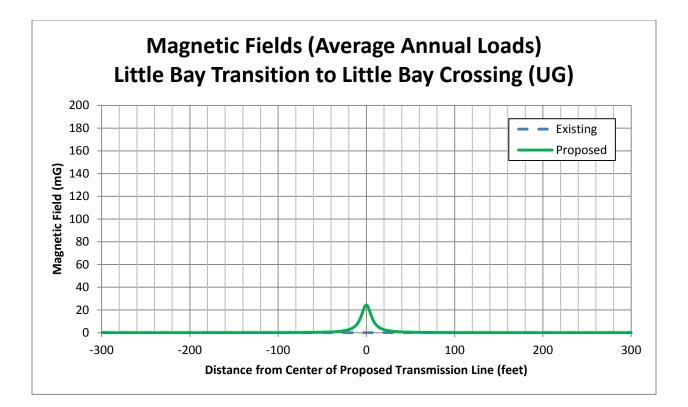


Figure 10 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Durham Point Road to Little Bay Transition



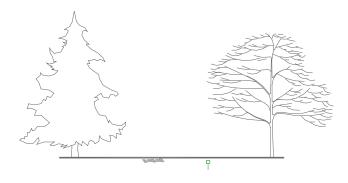


Figure 11 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Little Bay Launch to Little Bay Crossing

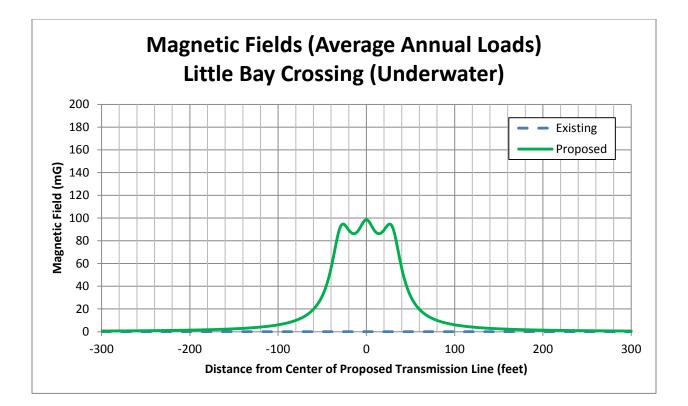
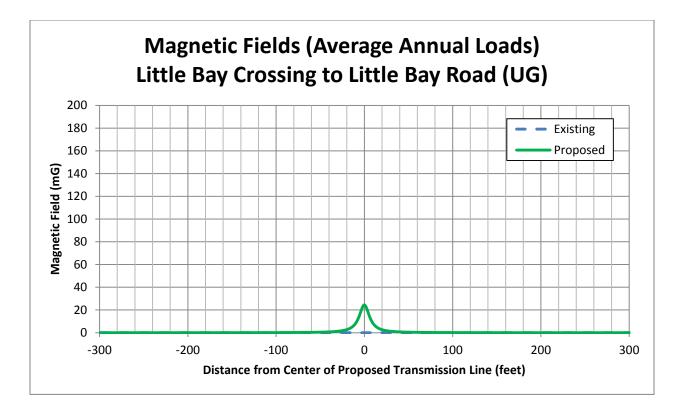




Figure 12 - Magnetic Field Calculations for the Little Bay Crossing (Underwater Cables)



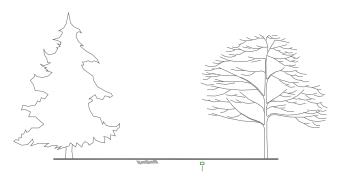
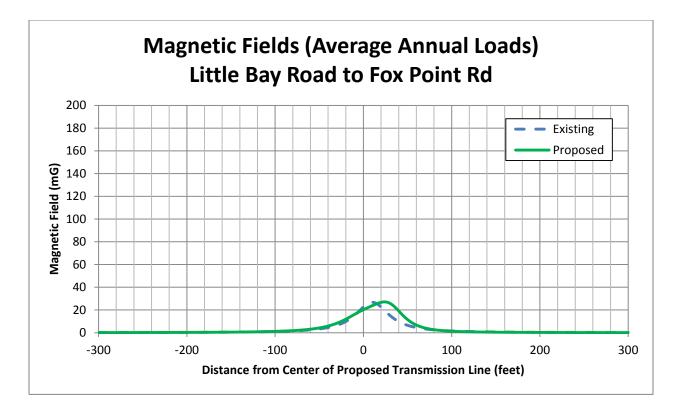


Figure 13 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Little Bay Crossing to Little Bay Road



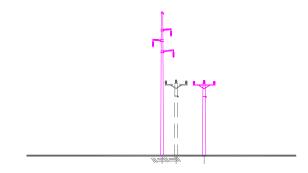
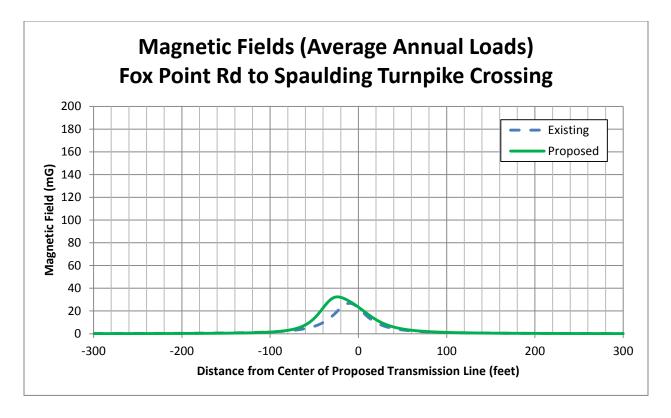


Figure 14 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Little Bay Road to Fox Point Rd



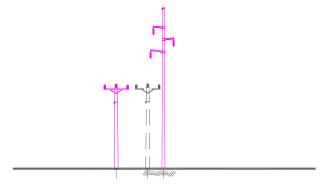


Figure 15 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Fox Point Rd to Spaulding Turnpike Crossing

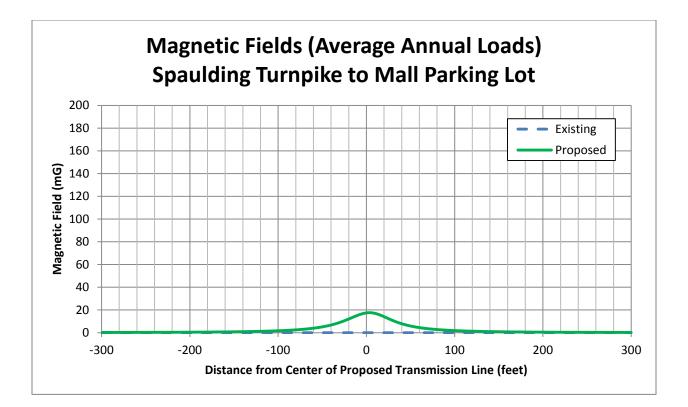




Figure 16 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Spaulding Turnpike Crossing to Mall Parking Lot

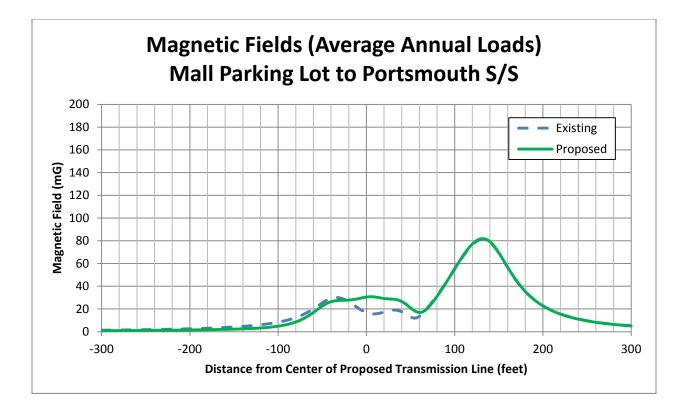




Figure 17 - Magnetic Field Calculations for Mall Parking Lot to the Portsmouth Substation

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Additionally, electric field levels at 25-foot intervals are also presented for the base design together with associated magnetic field levels, in Attachment A.

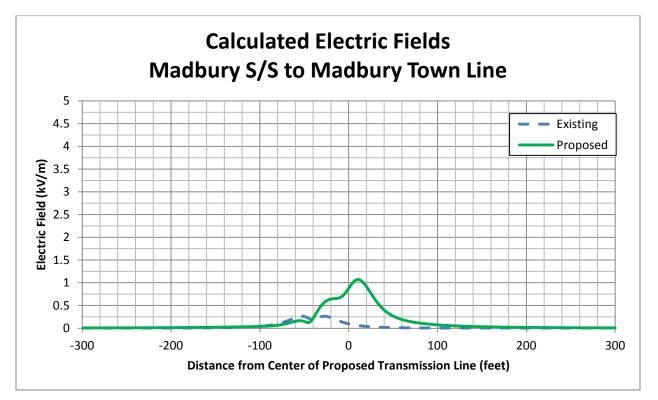


Figure 18 - Electric Field Calculations for Madbury Substation to the Madbury Town Line

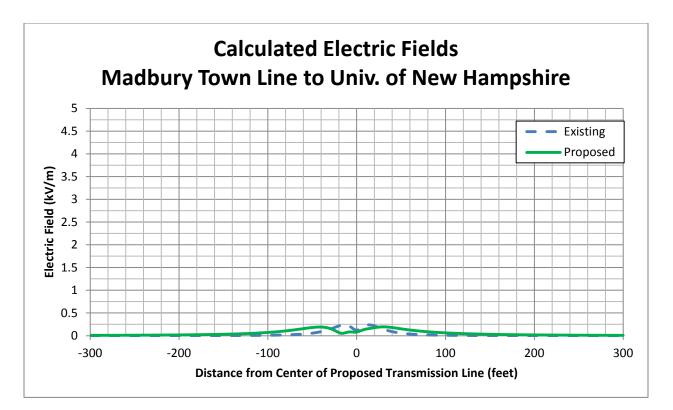


Figure 19 - Electric Field Calculations for Madbury Town Line to the University of New Hampshire

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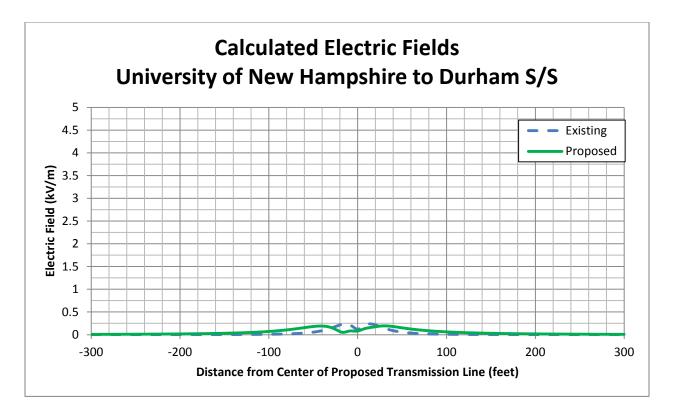


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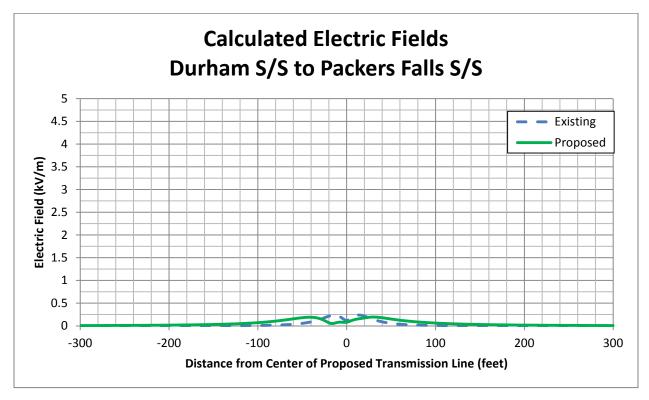


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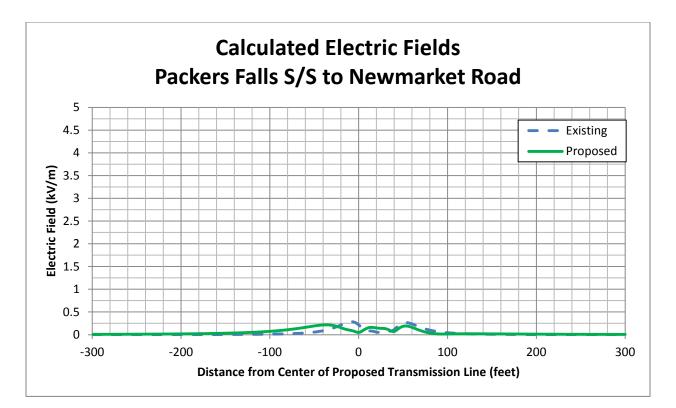


Figure 22 - Electric Field Calculations for Packers Falls Substation to Newmarket Road

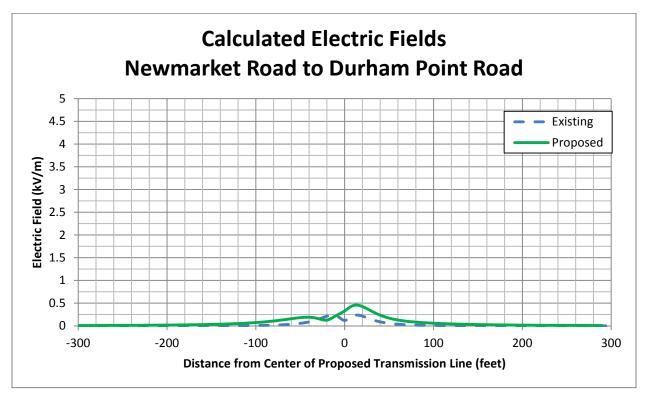
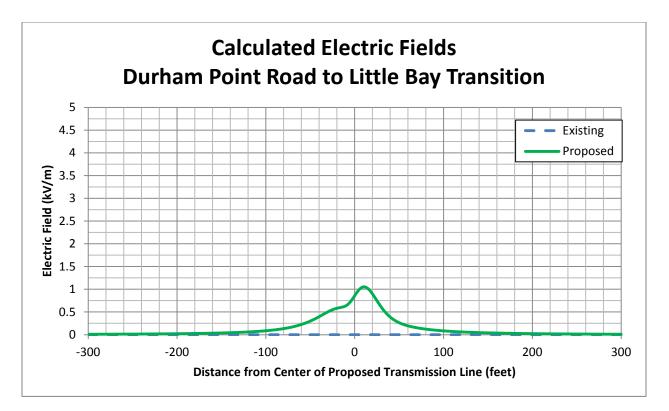


Figure 23 - Calculated Electric Fields from Newmarket Road to Durham Point Road





Because of the construction of underground cables, there are no electric fields outside of the cable. Therefore, no graphs were included for electric fields.

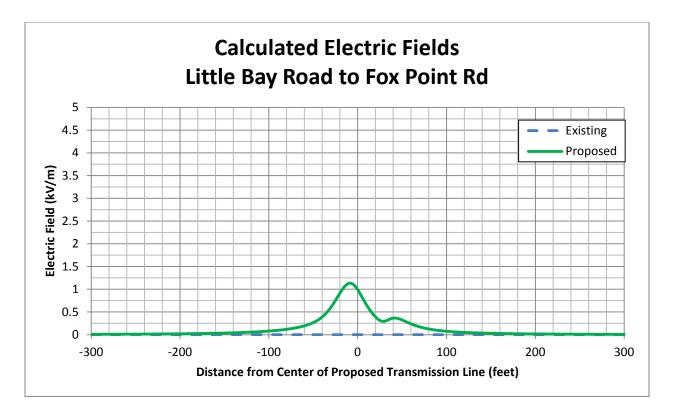


Figure 25 - Electric Field Calculations for Little Bay Road to Fox Point Rd

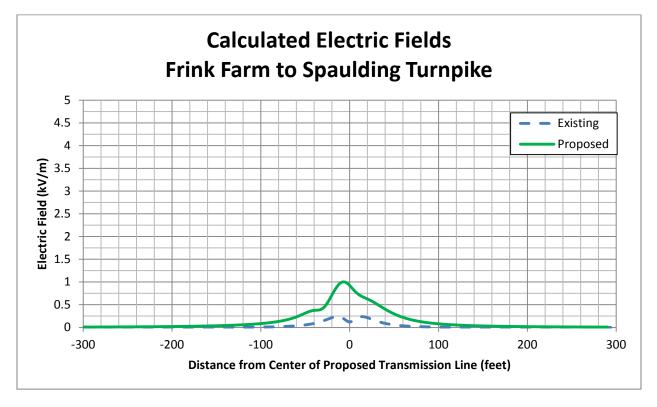


Figure 26 - Electric Field Calculations for Fox Point Rd to Spaulding Turnpike Crossing

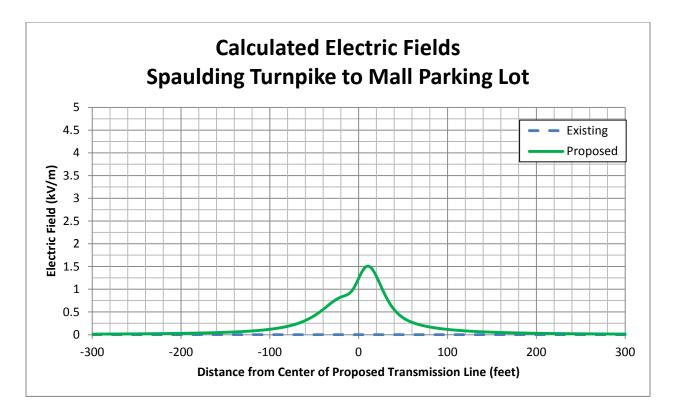


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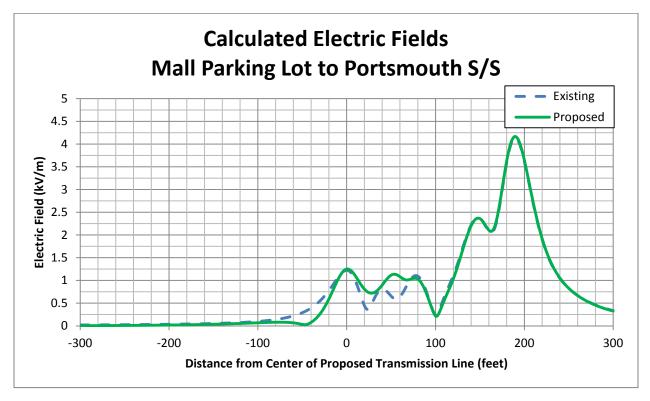


Figure 28 - Electric Field Calculations for Mall Parking Lot to Portsmouth Substation

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## Attachment A Tabulated Summaries of EMF Calculations

Magnetic Field Calculations (mG)							
Line S	action	Pre-Project			Post-Project		
Line Section		Average Annual Loads			Average Annual Loads		
From	То	- ROW Edge	Maximum	+ ROW Edge	- ROW Edge	Maximum	+ ROW Edge
Madbury S/S	Route 4 Xing	2.29	31.12	2.03	1.44	32.05	5.52
Route 4 Xing	UNH	1.61	31.12	5.46	1.77	32.43	3.98
Underground Throu	igh UNH Parking Lot	9.73	31.95*	1.12+	9.75	31.77*	1.50†
UNH	Durham S/S	3.30	19.45	3.30	4.24	17.77	2.24
Durham S/S	Packers Falls S/S	3.30	19.45	3.30	1.25	17.77	0.86
Packers Falls S/S	Newmarket Rd	1.85	29.50	16.58	4.24	17.77	2.24
Newmarket Rd	Durham Point Rd	0.27	1.60	0.27	4.00	8.48	4.44
Durham Point Rd	Little Bay Launch	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.14	17.63	5.91
Little Bay Launch	Little Bay Xing	0.00†	0.00	0.00+	0.48†	24.43	0.48†
Little B	ay Xing	0.00†	0.00	0.00+	31.43†	98.52	31.43†
Little Bay Landing	Little Bay Rd	0.00†	0.00	0.00+	0.48†	24.43	0.48†
Little Bay Rd	Fox Point Rd	4.54	26.77	4.54	8.37	29.60	8.37
Fox Point Rd	Spaulding Turnpike Xing	4.54	26.77	4.54	7.80	32.41	5.88
Spaulding Turnpike Xing	Crossing at Fox Run	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.14	17.63	5.91
Crossing at Fox Run	Portsmouth S/S	8.38	81.26‡	22.83	4.86	81.86‡	22.74
* Underneath existing distribution Line							
+ For sections of UG cable which are not within existing Eversrouce ROWs, calculations are at 50 feet from the transmission line							
‡ Underneath the Existing 345-kV Transmission Line and not within 100 feet of proposed transmission line							

#### **Tabulated Magnetic Field Calculations – Average Annual Loads**

Magnetic Field Calculations (mG)								
Line Section		Pre-Project			Post-Project			
		Annual Peak Loads			Annual Peak Loads			
From	То	- ROW Edge	Maximum	+ ROW Edge	- ROW Edge	Maximum	+ ROW Edg	
Madbury S/S	Route 4 Xing	3.49	47.71	3.12	2.27	51.36	11.85	
Route 4 Xing	UNH	2.48	47.71	8.37	2.58	46.21	6.10	
Underground Throu	igh UNH Parking Lot	14.92	48.99*	1.72†	14.93	48.62*	2.53†	
UNH	Durham S/S	5.04	29.75	5.04	6.74	24.30	4.99	
Durham S/S	Packers Falls S/S	5.04	29.75	5.04	6.74	24.30	4.99	
Packers Falls S/S	Newmarket Rd	1.73	29.60	16.53	10.24	32.15	22.11	
Newmarket Rd	Durham Point Rd	0.39	2.29	0.39	7.98	17.53	8.88	
Durham Point Rd	Little Bay Launch	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.09	34.60	11.60	
Little Bay Launch	Little Bay Xing	0.00+	0.00	0.00+	0.94†	47.96	0.93†	
Little B	ay Xing	0.00+	0.00	0.00+	61.69†	193.40	61.69†	
Little Bay Landing	Little Bay Rd	0.00+	0.00	0.00+	0.94†	47.96	0.93†	
Little Bay Rd	Fox Point Rd	6.92	40.84	6.92	16.44	58.10	16.44	
Fox Point Rd	Spaulding Turnpike Xing	6.92	40.84	6.92	10.74	51.59	11.35	
Spaulding Turnpike Xing	Crossing at Fox Run	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.09	34.60	11.60	
Crossing at Fox Run	Portsmouth S/S	9.66	141.22‡	38.22	5.72	140.08‡	38.25	
* Underneath existing distribution Line								
For sections of UG cable which are not within existing Eversrouce ROWs, calculations are at 50 feet from the transmission line								
‡ Underneath the Existing 345-kV Transmission Line and not within 100 feet of proposed transmission line								

Electric Field Calculations (kV/m)							
Line Se	Pre-Project			Post-Project			
From	То	- ROW Edge	Maximum	+ ROW Edge	- ROW Edge	Maximum	+ ROW Edge
Madbury S/S	Route 4 Xing	0.02	0.26	0.02	0.03	1.07	0.32
Route 4 Xing	UNH	0.06	0.24	0.06	0.18	0.19	0.15
Underground Throu	igh UNH Parking Lot	No Electric Fields from UG Cables					
UNH	Durham S/S	0.06	0.24	0.06	0.18	0.19	0.15
Durham S/S	Packers Falls S/S	0.06	0.24	0.06	0.18	0.19	0.15
Packers Falls S/S	Newmarket Rd	0.09	0.29	0.24	0.21	0.22	0.16
Newmarket Rd	Durham Point Rd	0.06	0.24	0.06	0.18	0.19	0.15
Durham Point Rd	Little Bay Launch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	1.05	0.26
Little Bay Launch	Little Bay Xing						
Little B	ay Xing	No Electric Fields from UG Cables					
Little Bay Landing	Little Bay Rd						
Little Bay Rd	Fox Point Rd	0.06	0.24	0.06	0.53	1.20	0.53
Fox Point Rd	Spaulding Turnpike Xing	0.06	0.24	0.06	0.23	1.00	0.40
Spaulding Turnpike Xing	Crossing at Fox Run	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.42	1.51	0.37
Crossing at Fox Run	Portsmouth S/S	0.26	4.14†	0.90	0.05	4.16†	0.91
* Underneath existing distribution Line							
<sup>+</sup> Underneath the Existing 345-kV Transmission Line and not within 100 feet of proposed transmission line							

#### **Tabulated Electric Field Calculations**