

September 27, 2019

Lindsey Lefebvre  
United States Army Corps of Engineers  
New England District  
696 Virginia Rd  
Concord, MA 01742

Re: Seacoast Reliability Project (NAE-2015-00665) Annual Progress Letter Report

Dear Ms. Lefebvre-

The purpose of this letter report is to outline cultural resource work undertaken by Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) for the Seacoast Reliability Project (the “Project”) pursuant to the terms outlined in the *Memorandum of Agreement between the US Army Corps of Engineers, New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer and Public Service Company of New Hampshire D/B/A Eversource Energy Regarding the Seacoast Reliability Project from Madbury Substation to Portsmouth Substation, New Hampshire* (the “USACE MOA”) and the *Memorandum of Understanding between the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer and Eversource Energy Regarding the Seacoast Reliability Project, Madbury to Portsmouth, New Hampshire* (the “DHR MOU”) in compliance with Administrative Condition III of the USACE MOA and Administrative Condition D(1) of the DHR MOU. Work undertaken to comply with the applicable cultural resource stipulations included in the State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee’s *Order and Certificate of Site and Facility with Conditions* (the “SEC Certificate”) are also provided here for reference.

Stipulations and other applicable conditions for each agreement document are included below along with documentation of work undertaken to accomplish each directive. The degree of completeness (“complete”, “in progress”, or “ongoing”) is also noted. When available, a tentative timeline of future work is also provided.

## **USACE MOA**

### *STIPULATIONS*

#### I. Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) of the Little Bay Underwater Cable Terminal Houses Historic District - COMPLETE

- HAER documentation approved by the National Park Service on 08/12/2019.
- Final deliverables were hand delivered to the DHR on 09/06/2019.
- Final deliverables mailed to the National Park Service on 09/26/2019.
- Hard and digital copies were hand delivered to local repositories including the Durham Historic Association, the Durham Public Library and the Langdon Public Library on 09/25/2019.

II. Stabilization, Relocation, and Rehabilitation of Durham Cable House Terminal – **IN PROGRESS**

- Cable house relocation methodology was reviewed by the DHR on 07/18/2019.
- Arnold M. Graton Associates completed movement of cable house to temporary location, on 09/09/2019.
- Cable house will be mothballed for overwintering by mid to late Fall 2019.
- Eversource anticipates the formulation of the rehabilitation plan in Spring 2020, movement of the cable house to its final location in August 2020, and rehabilitation work to take place in September 2020. Eversource will be in consultation with DHR when implementation of rehabilitation plans is at 50% and 90%, at a minimum.

III. Exterior Interpretive Signage – **NOT STARTED**

- Scope development anticipated Winter 2019/2020

IV. Interior Interpretive Displays in Durham and Newington – **IN PROGRESS**

- Historic cable segments have been recovered from the bay and are being transferred to Eversource's Hooksett Office for storage until displays are created.

*ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS*

I. Post-Review Discoveries – **ONGOING**

- Notification of additional identified stone walls in Project Area on 8/27/2019.

II. Monitoring and Reporting – **ONGOING**

- Summary Letter Report Detailing Work Undertaken (this letter) sent on 09/27/2019.

**DHR MOU**

*STIPULATIONS*

I. Alfred Pickering Farm – **IN PROGRESS**

1. Use of Weathered Steel H-Frame Structures on Alfred Pickering Farm
  - Installation of structures anticipated Fall 2019/Winter 2020
2. Publication of booklet summarizing history of agriculture in Newington and public presentation
  - Scope development anticipated Winter 2019/2020 and presentation anticipated Fall 2020

II. Durham Point Historic District – **ONGOING**

1. Stone Wall and Quarry Impact Avoidance and Minimization Measures
2. Stone Wall WP-33 Stipulation
3. Physical Impact Avoidance to Quarry

III. Newmarket and Bennett Roads Farms Historic District – **ONGOING**

1. Stone Wall Impact Avoidance and Minimization Measures

*ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS*

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS – **ONGOING**

2. Cultural resource sensitivity training for environmental monitors and onsite personnel
- Eversource developed a Historic Properties Training for both general onsite personnel and supervisors in the Historic Properties Training Plan and held multiple training sessions. Training continues for onboarding of new personnel.

B. POST REVIEW DISCOVERIES – **ONGOING**

1. Consult with DHR for project plan changes with effects to historic properties
- Blasting vibration monitoring plan for Newington Center Historic District approved by DHR on 09/19/2019 and by USACE on 09/20/2019.
  - Structure 105 Modification submitted to DHR and USACE on 09/20/2019. Awaiting approval.
2. Document location of stone walls in Durham Point Historic District and the Newmarket and Bennett Road Historic District on right-of-way plans, follow BMPs to minimize impact to stone walls, DHR and landowner consultation for proposed alteration or incidental damage to stone walls.
- Eversource has included the location of all known stone walls on right-of-way plans and has created a data set to be archived and included on plans for future maintenance and construction plans on the transmission line.
  - Proposed alteration to stone wall WP-35 consultation with landowners completed on 09/17/2019 (TNC) and 09/05/2019 (Sandberg), consultation with DHR in progress.

**SEC CERTIFICATE**

*STIPULATIONS*

Stipulation 27 (pg. 5) - If the Applicant changes plans for the Project and such changes may lead to newly-discovered effects on historic properties, the Applicant shall consult with DHR/State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to resolve any adverse effects to such properties – **ONGOING**

- See DHR MOU Administrative Condition B1

Stipulation 37 (pg.6) - Eversource shall file a copy with the SEC and all relevant state agencies BMPs for work near archaeological and historic sites – **COMPLETED**

- Submitted to DHR on 06/07/2019

Stipulation 44 (pg.7) – Applicant shall submit vegetation plans to DHR for review and comments – **IN PROGRESS**

- Vegetation plans undergoing internal review and expected to be submitted to DHR starting October 2019.

Stipulation 46 (pg. 7) Applicant shall pay the Town of Newington twenty-thousand dollars to be used by the Town to mitigate Project's impact to historic sites in Newington -

**COMPLETED**

- Check hand delivered to Town of Newington on 05/20/2019.

Stipulation 49 (pg. 7) Develop protocol for measures preserve historic stone features within Project site during construction, operation, and maintenance - **COMPLETED**

- Historic Stone Features Management Plan approved by DHR on 07/10/2019
- Proposed Stone Wall Alterations submitted to DHR on 06/19/2019 (WP-6, 11, 36, and 42A) and 09/27/2019 (WP-33 and 35).

If you have any questions or feedback on Eversource's Project compliance or reporting thus far, please feel free to call me at 603-717-5198 or email me at [brooke.kenline-nyman@eversource.com](mailto:brooke.kenline-nyman@eversource.com).

Sincerely,



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