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Subject: SRP - Work Hours Notification [MCLANE-DB.FID1391705]

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Dear Pam -

Yesterday afternoon (12/19/19), Eversource contractors, namely New River, notified Eversource to request extended work hours in the Gundalow Landing manhole for fiber splicing to continue after the permitted work hours from the Town of Newington. The request came too late in the day for the Town to review the request, therefore, Eversource communicated to New River that work must stop at 7pm. All of the fiber splicers were off site by 7pm.

However, at 6:30pm Eversource was made aware that four contractors from LS Cable were in the manhole on the Gundalow Landing side conducting operations that were unconnected to the cable splicing work being done by New River. LS Cable informed Eversource that it would not be able to finish their work at 7pm due to being in the middle of a critical power cable jointing operation. Eversource construction representatives and construction managers emphasized the work hour restrictions with LS Cable and told LS Cable to wrap up operations as quickly as possible. At that point, LS Cable estimated they could finish by 7:30pm.

By means of a background, LS Cable had performed jointing measurements and preparation work for all three phases during the day. Typically each phase takes approximately two hours of physical work to complete the jointing operation using an insulator insert machine. This machine must be greased in order to have enough power to perform the operation. Two phases were completed by 4pm (taking roughly 3 hours each for preparation and installation). Based upon the timing of the work done earlier in the day, LS Cable believed they had enough time to complete the 3rd phase by 7pm. However, by 6:30pm, LS Cable realized that they could not complete installation of the 3rd phase and immediately informed Eversource. Having started this operation, LS Cable could not stop this process before completion as the grease in the machine would clog the machine and render it useless the following day without a backup. The operation was completed and all personnel were offsite by 7:35pm. The Town of Newington will be notified of this as well.

This morning, Eversource and LS Cable had a construction follow-up meeting where work hours were reemphasized. Eversource commits to discussing work hour requirements at each daily tailboard meeting (with all contractors) and to reiterate the importance of complying with the SEC established work hours.

Specifically, going forward, Eversource is requiring all contractors and their subcontractors to have a tailboard meeting twice a day. As part of the tailboard discussions, the specific work hours for any given day will be reemphasized and contractors and subcontractors will be required to develop a plan to complete the day's work within the permitted work hours. Upon completion of the tailboard meeting, a tailboard document identifying what was discussed during the tailboard meet will be distributed to the Project construction team.

Further, LS Cable has been warned that any further issues with work hours or other compliance conditions will result in a mandatory stand down for LS Cable for re-training for all on site personal at the expense of LS Cable.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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