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Eversource to Make Electric System Upgrades in North Oak Area

NEW BRITAIN—Beginning Monday, May 15, Eversource crews will begin infrastructure improvements in the North Oak area in an effort to replace poles with new and stronger ones that can better withstand the impact of storms.

The company will also add new equipment that can provide a second path of electricity during a power outage and reduce the number of outages that residents experience.

“We are grateful to Eversource for continuing its commitment to improving the utility infrastructure here in our community,” said Mayor Erin Stewart. “This initiative aligns with our SMART City work, in which we are utilizing the most recent technology and best practices to improve the wellbeing of our residents and businesses.”

Eversource contract line crews will begin working on replacing 363 poles and hardware on Monday, May 15 and continue through December 2019. Other work includes the replacement of 183 transformers, 119 pole enforcements, re-conductoring with “tree wire” to protect against animal and minor branch contact, converting from 4.8kv to 13.8kv to provide more stable voltage, and installing 12 smart switches to re-divert power were it is needed.

The work will result in a planned power interruption; residents will receive a notification by letter or phone approximately three to five days before the work begins.

Impact to travel is expected to be minimal, however, Eversource will ensure travel access to homes and businesses, as well as priority passage for emergency vehicles through the assistance of local law enforcement or flaggers.

The work schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions or other unexpected circumstances.

Anyone with questions regarding the project, should contact Paul Lapia, Eversource construction representative, at 203-415-9709.

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