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### **NOTICE: PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Pursuant to the Rights-of-Way Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00) in order to apply pesticides to control vegetation to maintain Rights-of Ways, the Department of Agricultural Resources must approve a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP). The VMP is intended to justify the need to control vegetation, identify target vegetation, describe the intended methods of control, describe methods for identifying sensitive areas, describe operational guidelines for applicators, outline a program of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) designed to reduce the use of herbicides, and describe alternative land use activities.

The following municipalities are advised that National Grid proposes to utilize herbicides to treat their Rights-of-Way throughout Massachusetts:

Adams, Amesbury, Andover, Ashburnham, Athol, Attleboro, Auburn, Ayer, Barre, Belchertown, Bellingham, Berlin, Bernardston, Beverly, Billerica, Blackstone, Boxford, Boylston, Brimfield, Brookfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Charlton, Chelmsford, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Clinton, Colrain, Conway, Danvers, Deerfield, Dighton, Douglas, Dracut, Dudley, Dunstable, East Brookfield, Easthampton, East Longmeadow, Egremont, Erving, Everett, Fitchburg, Florida, Foxborough, Franklin, Gardner, Georgetown, Gill, Gloucester, Grafton, Granby, Great Barrington, Greenfield, Groton, Groveland, Hampden, Hancock, Hardwick, Harvard, Haverhill, Heath, Hingham, Holbrook, Holden, Hopedale, Hubbardston, Hull, Lancaster, Lanesborough, Lawrence, Lee, Leicester, Lenox, Leominster, Leverett, Leyden, Littleton, Lowell, Ludlow, Lunenburg, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Mansfield, Marlborough, Medford, Medway, Melrose, Mendon, Merrimac, Methuen, Middleton, Milford, Millbury, Millville, Monroe, Monson, Montague, Newbury, Newburyport, New Salem, North Adams, Northampton, North Andover, North Attleborough, Northborough, Northbridge, North Brookfield, North Reading, Norton, Oakham, Orange, Oxford, Palmer, Paxton, Peabody, Pelham, Pepperell, Petersham, Phillipston, Plainville, Princeton, Randolph, Reading, Rehoboth, Revere, Richmond, Rockport, Rowe, Rowley, Royalston, Rutland, Salem, Salisbury, Saugus, Seekonk, Sheffield, Shelburne, Shirley, Shrewsbury, Shutesbury, Somerset, Southborough, Southbridge, Spencer, Sterling, Stockbridge, Sturbridge, Sunderland, Sutton, Swampscott, Swansea, Templeton, Tewksbury, Topsfield, Tyngsborough, Upton, Uxbridge, Wakefield, Ware, Warren, Warwick, Webster, Wendell, Wenham, Westborough, West Boylston, West Brookfield, Westford, Westminster, West Newbury, West Stockbridge, Weymouth, Wilbraham, Williamstown, Wilmington, Winchendon, Worcester, Wrentham

#### **PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED:**

In accordance with 333 CMR 11.05 the Department of Agricultural Resources will conduct regional hearings to receive public comment on the proposed Vegetation Management Plan for the National Grid Vegetation Management Plan.

To provide all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed VMP, a public hearing will be held at the following location:

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019: Holden Town Hall, Memorial Hall, 1196 Main Street, Holden, Massachusetts from 11:00am – 12:30 pm.**

#### **Available for Public Review Prior to Hearings:**

Section 11.05 (3)(d) of the Row Management Regulations provide: "At least 21 days prior to the end of the public comment period, the applicant shall send a copy of the proposed VMP to the chief elected official, the Board of

