

News Release**Eversource Begins Fall Vegetation Management Helicopter Inspections**

BOSTON (October 18, 2016) – Eversource is conducting aerial vegetation inspections this week of high voltage electrical equipment on rights-of-way in Eastern Massachusetts. This inspection is an important part of the company’s ongoing commitment to providing reliable electric service. The work involves the use of a low flying helicopter over Eversource’s transmission line corridors to check for any encroachment from trees or other vegetation.

“Over a million customers in Massachusetts depend on us every day for reliable electric service,” said Craig Hallstrom, Regional Electric Operations President at Eversource. “We’ll be getting a birds-eye view of our entire electric transmission system in Eastern Massachusetts, so these inspections are a crucial part of our commitment to reducing the frequency and duration of power outages.”

Eversource’s inspections will begin Wednesday and the plan is to start with the northern part of the system and then head south towards Cape Cod. Weather permitting, inspections will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. flying in a white and blue striped Bell 206B Jet Ranger III, registration N37WA. Crews will be flying at about 300 feet and there will be no low level hovering.

The region’s transmission system is the backbone of the electric grid. Overhead inspections of transmission lines and equipment – often located upwards of 100 feet in the air – help engineers detect potential problems in advance, allowing the company to schedule necessary maintenance and upgrades before reliability issues arise.

Eversource (NYSE: ES) transmits and delivers electricity and natural gas to 1.7 million customers throughout Massachusetts, including approximately 1.4 million electric customers in 140 communities and 300,000 gas customers in 51 communities. Recognized in 2015 as the [top-ranked “green” utility](#) in the U.S. by Newsweek magazine, Eversource harnesses the commitment of its approximately 8,000 employees across three states to build a single, united company around the mission of delivering reliable energy and superior customer service. For more information, please visit our website (www.eversource.com) and follow us on Twitter ([@eversourceMA](https://twitter.com/eversourceMA)) and Facebook (facebook.com/EversourceMA).

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