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PSE&G selects alternate route for upgraded electric line through Westfield

PSE&G has been working with town officials on an alternate route for the upgraded electric line that will go through Westfield. The line is part of our statewide plan to upgrade our infrastructure to ensure that the utility can meet the needs of customers today and well into the future. Approved by PJM Interconnection, the regional grid operator, this infrastructure upgrade includes the addition of a 69,000-volt (69kV) network that will alleviate the demand on the existing network. These upgrades will increase both electric service reliability and system redundancy to ensure safe and reliable electric service to our customers. Since 2007, PSE&G has installed more than 400 miles of 69kV lines in more than 93 municipalities in New Jersey.

PSE&G would like to thank Mayor Brindle and Assemblyman Bramnick for identifying residents' concerns and working with us to propose an alternative route. Based on those discussions and feedback from residents, PSE&G has determined that it can relocate the line down South Avenue along an existing pole line. This route impacts fewer trees and residential properties; does not include any schools, municipal fields or parks; and requires fewer new utility poles.

PSE&G will install taller, sturdier utility poles and run new electric wires on PSE&G's utility right of way. In accordance with the Board of Public Utilities' Vegetation Management Rules, we are required to trim and remove trees, where necessary. There are no planned service interruptions associated with this work.

We are sending letters to customers along this alternate route to invite them to learn more about the project at an upcoming public workshop, to be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 10 at the Edison Intermediate School, 800 Rahway Ave. Experts from project management, construction, vegetation management and safety, including electromagnetic fields, will be available to answer residents' questions on an individual basis to get the information that is important to them. Residents can stop by the workshop at any time. Please note that there will be no formal presentation.

PSE&G has more than a century of experience in building and maintaining utility services that provide safe, reliable, low-cost and greener energy to New Jersey residents. We are committed to constructing PSE&G's reliability projects in accordance with all safety and environmental standards, while being sensitive to the needs and concerns of our neighbors.

Residents can submit questions in advance of the workshop at reliability@pseg.com. More information is also available at pseg.com/69kV.

Attached is a map that shows the original and alternate route.