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Regulatory Division
File No. NAE-2017-01406
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Ms. Diana Warren, Vice Chair
Sudbury Historical Commission
299 Old Sudbury Rd.
Sudbury, MA 01776

Dear Ms. Warren:

This letter is in reference to the proposed Eversource / MA DCR Electric Line (Phase I)/Rail Trail (Phase II) in the Towns of Sudbury, Hudson, Marlborough and Stow, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulates certain activities in waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The applicants are proposing to discharge fill material into waters of the United States along a paved public roadway, and within an existing, inactive railroad right-of-way, within Sudbury, Marlborough, Stow and Hudson, Massachusetts. In previous correspondence, we attached updated plans provided by the applicant that showed reduced impacts to wetlands and waters that we regulate. In April 2021, we provided a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the installation of the proposed 115kV underground electric transmission line project within the towns of Sudbury, Marlborough, Stow, and Hudson by Eversource Energy (Eversource). We also notified the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, providing an opportunity for their participation.

We recently learned of the effort to establish a Historic District involving approximately 73 contributing features along this corridor. These sites consist of telegraph poles, wood ties, culverts, mileposts, distant approach signals, battery wells, signal relay boxes, tool houses, and other such facilities, as well as the previously identified river crossings (bridges 128 and 130). We are reaching out to obtain information regarding the potential effects to these contributing features associated with the USACE undertaking. We are also including a copy of a REVISED draft MOA and are requesting your comments and participation as a signatory. We would like to engage in discussion with your office so that we may obtain your office's recommendations regarding the assessment of adverse effects and ultimate mitigation for any adverse effects associated with the USACE undertaking.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please contact Alan R. Anacheka-Nasemann, SPWS of my staff at (978) 318-8214, or via e-mail at: alan.r.anacheka-nasemann@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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