

ABOUT THE NRL

The Northeast Renewable Link (NRL), a project proposed by National Grid, will deliver up to 600 megawatts of clean, reliable, and affordable wind power to Massachusetts. Staying within or adjacent to existing transmission corridors, NRL will construct a 23-mile, 345-kilovolt AC (alternating current) transmission line from National Grid's Alps Substation in Nassau, NY, to Eversource's Berkshire Substation in Hinsdale, MA. The NRL will help provide a much-needed source of clean energy into the New England energy grid, helping to lower regional energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while promoting economic development in New York and Massachusetts.

WHY DO WE NEED NRL?

New England's energy constraints, driven by retiring fossil fuel generating plants, require immediate action to enable cost-effective transmission solutions that will transport clean energy to benefit the region now and in the future. NRL is a solution that will address this challenge by diversifying New England's energy portfolio, helping states meet greenhouse gas reduction goals, and lowering energy costs for consumers. NRL is positioned to minimize local and environmental impacts, while bringing maximum benefit to host communities and the region.



NEW YORK	Nassau	1.26 Miles
	Stephentown	7.53 Miles
MASSACHUSETTS	Hancock	2.54 Miles
	Lanesborough	4.95 Miles
	Cheshire	1.92 Miles
	Dalton	3.40 Miles
	Hinsdale	1.92 Miles

PERMITTING, APPROVALS & SCHEDULE

Beginning in the fall of 2017, the Northeast Renewable link will begin extensive federal, state, and local permitting processes. These will include:

PERMITTING & APPROVALS

NEW YORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article VII (Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need; Water Quality Certification) • USACE General Permit
MASSACHUSETTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEPA Certificate • Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need • USACE General Permit

SCHEDULE

OUTREACH	June 2017 through in service date
PERMITTING & SITING	Fall 2017 through 2019
CONSTRUCTION	2020 through 2021
IN SERVICE	Late 2021 or early 2022

ABOUT OUR COMPANIES

NATIONAL GRID is one of the world's largest transmission companies, owning and operating approximately 8,600 miles spanning New England and upstate New York.

CITIZENS ENERGY is a Boston-based non-profit dedicated to using revenues from successful commercial energy ventures to help finance charitable programs to help families in need, including heating fuel assistance, solar panel installation, and home weatherization services.