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The Newsletter from Network New Hampshire Now

PROJECT UPDATES

POLE APPLICATION MILESTONE:

Network New Hampshire Now is nearing a milestone in its project, having submitted licensing applications for over 16,000 utility poles in New Hampshire.

Most utility poles are jointly owned by the power (Elco) and telecommunications (Telco) companies. The application for a license triggers a survey of the pole, and the utilities provide a cost estimate of work necessary to allow our fiber to be safely added to the existing infrastructure. This estimate is called a “Make Ready Quote.”

Once we pay the Elco and Telco, they complete the Make Ready work from their quote. This includes moving cables and wiring on the pole to make room for our fiber. The amount of Make Ready work per pole varies greatly on how many companies are sharing the pole and the capacity of the pole. This process is regulated by the Public Utilities Commission and utilities are allowed up to 180 days to complete these updates.

FIBER HANGING:

In addition to completing the NH pole applications, we have surveyed the network entry points to Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) that have signed up to be directly connected to the middle mile fiber in the initial phase of construction.



We are now beginning to install fiber between these CAIs and the connecting points on the middle mile fiber route. We’ve also installed 50 miles of fiber between Manchester and Keene.

As Make Ready work completes, we look forward to hanging more fiber throughout the state.

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