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Memorandum

To: Donna LaScaleia, DPW Director *Approved M 9-6-22*
From: Greg Newman, Senior Civil Engineer
David Veleta, City Engineer
Date: September 1, 2022
Re: Petition No. 28216274 to relocate one pole 17 & remove one SO pole 18 on Hawley Street

National Grid is proposing to relocate (1) pole 17 and remove (1) SO pole 18 on Hawley Street. The relocated pole 17 will be about 132 feet north of the centerline of Holyoke Street, about 30 feet south of the existing pole 17. As marked on the site, the proposed relocated pole 17 will be more than 4 feet from the existing curb line.

A review of City records indicates the following:

1. There are no City drainage facilities near the proposed pole locations.
2. There are no City water facilities near the proposed pole locations.
3. Review of the 1899 sewer plate (2-1-30) indicates there may be a sewer lateral in the vicinity of the proposed site for the relocated pole 17.

It is recommended that a pipeline locator company inspect the sewer lateral near the south end of #123 Hawley Street and mark the location of this lateral on the surface. If the sewer lateral is within 5 feet of the proposed pole location, additional measures are required that may include:

- vacuum excavation to protect the sewer and confirmation of no conflicts;
- revision of the proposed pole site;
- reconstruction of the sewer lateral away from the pole site; or
- video documentation of the condition of the sewer lateral before and after pole installation and repair if needed.

The proposed relocation is also within the MassDOT Safe Routes to School project #609515 that is currently out to bid with construction start anticipated in late 2022 or 2023. The attached plans indicate that the proposed relocation may work out well with the project but also indicate the close proximity of a gas line. National Grid has agreed to review and coordinate the proposed relocation with the MassDOT project contractor and the City assuming any existing utility conflicts are resolved.

A Northampton DPW Trench Permit is required prior to construction.