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Memorandum

To: Donna LaScaleia, DPW Director *Approved 5-30-2023* 

From: David Veleta, City Engineer

Date: May 30, 2023

Re: Petition to install telemetry cabinet, bollards and underground wires near 66 North Maple Street

Eversource Gas is proposing to install a data collection telemetry cabinet and bollards on the west side of North Maple Street at a point approximately 64 feet south of the southerly curb line of Bardwell Street and wires and cables to existing utility pole #1 at the corner of Bardwell Street. The plans also show provisions for a future cabinet and bollards just south of the proposed cabinet.

A review of City records indicates the following:

1. There is an existing drainage catch basin adjacent to the proposed location.
2. There are no City water facilities near the proposed pole locations.
3. Review of 1893 sewer plate (3-1-31) indicates there may be a sewer lateral crossing under the alignment of the proposed electrical and communications lines.

There are no apparent drainage conflicts although existing gas lines are immediately adjacent to the existing catch basin. Sewer service to #66 Maple Street is assumed to have a minimum of four feet of cover and will be below where the proposed electric and communications wires will cross it.

The proposed cabinet and/or future cabinet and bollards may affect the owner of #66 North Maple Street by limiting or precluding the possibility of establishing driveway access from the North Maple Street frontage. It is recommended that if a future driveway is approved along this frontage Eversource Gas commits to relocating the above ground cabinet(s) and bollards to accommodate this need and that such relocation will allow adequate sight lines for the proposed driveway. Any future relocation will require a new petition. This review memo in no way constitutes approval for a proposed driveway, but is meant only to record conditions for Eversource in the event one is approved.

A Northampton DPW Trench Permit is required prior to construction