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Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to you today with an update about VELCO's Franklin County Line Upgrade project. The project is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks, and we want to keep you informed about the anticipated schedule of the initial phases of work, and provide the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the project.

We expect to receive all of our permits and approvals to begin work during the week of September 9. Please find a high-level project timeline on the next page, and an overview of some of the activities taking place over the next three months.

- The vegetation crews will be the first on site, starting in Georgia and moving northward along the transmission line corridor. They will be cutting vegetation within the right-of-way (ROW) and select trees on the ROW edges to ensure safe and reliable operation of the line. This work will be carried out similarly to our routine vegetation maintenance and will include mowing, mechanical cutting with chain saws, and herbicide application. For efficiency, VELCO postponed the 2023 vegetation maintenance to align the work with this project. We anticipate the vegetation management work along the line to be completed by January 2025.
- Shortly after the vegetation work begins, around September 16, our access crews will also start in Georgia and follow the vegetation crews. The access crew will be working to improve existing access routes, constructing new ones where needed, creating level working areas around the poles, and preparing for drilling crews to begin in October. This preparation work will continue throughout 2024 and 2025.
- In preparation for the vegetation and access work, our survey crews will begin marking the ROW edges with stakes and/or flags in mid-August. We kindly ask that you leave these markers in place during the duration of this project, as they help guide our crews and ensure the work stays within the project boundaries. Once the ROW edges are marked, the survey crew will then stake the locations for the new poles and any associated guy anchors. This information will assist our access preparation crews.

**The VELCO Project team will host an informational session on Monday, September 9, 5:00 pm to 7:00pm, at the St. Albans Town Office located at 398 Georgia Shore Road.** We invite you to attend to learn more about the construction work planned for the next two years and to ask any questions you may have. Please RSVP at [www.velco.com/fclu](http://www.velco.com/fclu) or call 802-770-6381.

In the meantime, more detailed information about the project, including a construction timeline, project maps, and project updates are available at [www.velco.com/fclu](http://www.velco.com/fclu). Please feel free to contact Rob Naramore at 802-673-9325 or me at 802-770-6357 with any questions.

Thank you,

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**Franklin County Line Upgrade Project Timeline**  
**Subject to Regulatory Approval:**

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