

State Environmental Quality Review
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
Notice of Determination of Non-Significance

Project: CEM 10483 - Pole Replacement for Public Works Sign Replacement (the “Proposed Action”)

Date: October 21, 2024

This notice is issued in accordance with Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 and 21 NYCRR LXXXI 10052.

The Long Island Power Authority (“Authority”) has determined, based on information provided by PSEG Long Island and the Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2 & 3 prepared by PSEG Long Island that the Proposed Action described below will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Name of Action: CEM 10483 - Pole Replacement for Public Works Sign Replacement (the “Proposed Action”)

Location: New York State Route 106 (NY-106), between Sycamore Lane and Hart Avenue, hamlet of North Bellmore, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York

SEQR Status: Unlisted

Conditioned Negative Declaration: No

Proposed Action Description:

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is replacing a road sign above the northbound lane of NY-106 at the entrance to the westbound on-ramp for the Southern State Parkway, with its base located in the east shoulder of NY-106. The Proposed Action will require replacement of five wood transmission poles along the eastern side of NY-106 and one wood guy pole along the western side of NY-106. All poles are located between Sycamore Lane and Hart Avenue. Replacement poles will be taller in order to provide necessary electric clearances for the NYSDOT sign replacement. The approximate location of the Proposed Action is depicted on Figure 1.

The Proposed Action is located within a transportation corridor surrounded primarily by residential and institutional land uses. Residential properties exist to the northeast, northwest and southeast of the Proposed Action, and educational facilities (Nassau BOCES Jerusalem Avenue School and South Shore Country Day School) exist to the west and southwest.

As depicted on Figure 2, the existing transmission poles range from approximately 51.5 feet to 57 feet in height. The replacement transmission poles will extend to heights ranging from approximately 64 to 65 feet above grade level (agl), with maximum height increases of 13 feet.

The existing guy pole extends to an approximate height of 34 feet agl and will be replaced with a guy pole that will extend to an approximate height of 43 feet agl. All replacement poles will be wood and will be installed immediately adjacent to the existing wood pole locations.

In total, the Proposed Action will disturb approximately 30 square feet of land consisting of concrete and grass roadside areas. No clearing of vegetation will be required. Minor tree trimming will be required for select pole installations.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

The Proposed Action is an “Unlisted” Action as defined in State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). An Environmental Assessment (“EA”) was completed by PSEG Long Island. The EA analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. Based on a review of the Proposed Action’s scope of work in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA, a Short Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2 & 3 (“SEAF”) were prepared. Key findings are outlined below.

The pole replacements will result in maximum pole height increases of 13 feet, with the tallest pole extending to a height of 65 feet agl. The replacement poles will be within ten feet in height to adjacent poles within the existing alignment. Existing transmission poles located immediately north and south of the pole replacements extend to approximate heights of 67 feet agl and 56.5 feet agl, respectively. As illustrated on the photosimulations, the pole replacements will not significantly alter visual conditions when compared to existing conditions. As such, there will be no significant adverse visual impacts as a result of the Proposed Action.

The SEAF did not identify any potential areas of environmental concern for the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action is located in a suburban area. It is not located within or adjoining sensitive environmental resources, including but not limited to, Critical Environmental Areas (CEAs), regulated wetlands or waterbodies, floodplains, archaeological, cultural or historic sites, or properties that have been subject to remediation of hazardous wastes. Based on the SEAF and PSEG Long Island’s recommendation according to the standards as set forth in SEQRA, the Proposed Action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

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