

State Environmental Quality Review  
**POSITIVE DECLARATION**  
Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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This document is a Positive Declaration prepared pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below may have a significant impact on the environment and that a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be prepared.

**Name of Action:** Southampton to Bridgehampton Transmission Line

**SEQR Status:** Type 1   
Unlisted   
Type II emergency action

**Scoping:** No  Yes

The Draft Scope of Work will be made available for public review in August 2007. A copy of the Draft Scope will be available on the LIPA website under the *About LIPA, Powering LI* heading and at local libraries. It will be distributed to involved and interested agencies, elected and public officials of affected political subdivisions, and interested members of the public. A public comment meeting on the Draft Scope will be held in September 2007. Complete details will accompany the release of the Draft Scope of Work.

**Description of Action:**

LIPA proposes to install a new 69 kilovolt electric transmission line from the Southampton Substation to the Bridgehampton Substation. Four routes will be investigated. One would use the existing easements between the two substations. The second would transverse various existing roadways along the most direct route between the two substations. The third would use the Long Island Rail Road Montauk line right-of-way to Sag Harbor Turnpike. The last would follow Montauk Highway to Sag Harbor Turnpike. In addition, The Bridgehampton Substation would be enlarged at a LIPA-owned site adjacent to the existing substation.

**Location:**

The proposed transmission line would originate in the Village of Southampton and run through the Hampton Park and Scuttlehole areas of the Town of Southampton. It would terminate north of the Bridgehampton area and south of the Village of Sag Harbor.

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

Based on the Environmental Assessment Form prepared for the Proposed Action, LIPA has determined that the size and scope of the Proposed Action has

the potential to result in one or more significant adverse environmental impacts in one or more areas, including visual resources, natural resources, cultural resources, agricultural lands, and neighborhood character. After receiving comments on the Draft Scope of Work, LIPA intends to issue a Final Scope of Work, which will direct the content and the scope of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement to be released for public review.

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