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

Project: Cedar Lane Pole Relocation (the “Proposed Action”)
Date: October 22, 2018

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 that the Proposed Action described below will not have a significant adverse impact of the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Name of Action: Cedar Lane Pole Relocation
Location: Cedar Lane, between Prospect Avenue and North Wood Lane, Hamlet of Woodmere, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York
SEQR Status: Unlisted
Conditioned Negative Declaration: No

Proposed Action Description:

The Proposed Action involves the relocation of distribution poles from the south side of Cedar Lane to the north side of Cedar Lane, extending from Prospect Avenue to North Wood Lane, in order to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for sidewalk clearances. Ten (10) existing wood poles will be relocated and replaced with new wood poles from the south side of Cedar Lane to the north side of Cedar Lane. Two (2) existing wood poles on the north side of Cedar Lane will be replaced with new wood poles. One (1) new wood pole will be installed on the south side of Cedar Lane, at Prospect Avenue. Lastly, the existing wood pole on Cedar Lane at Park Street will be relocated and replaced with a new wood pole to the southeast onto Park Street. All of the poles to be relocated, replaced or installed will be of a similar height (35 feet) to the poles that currently exist in the area (30-35 feet). Tree trimming will be required within the area to provide adequate clearance for the installation of the new poles, wires and overhead equipment. No tree removal is required as part of the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action is an “Unlisted” Action as that term is defined in SEQRA.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

PSEGLI reviewed the Proposed Actions scope of work and undertook a SEQRA assessment to evaluate whether the Proposed Action has the potential for significant adverse environmental impacts. A Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) Parts 1, 2 and 3 were prepared. The SEAF analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. The work will be completed within previously disturbed areas and no environmentally sensitive areas will be disturbed as a result of the proposed construction. The SEAF evaluated the effect of the Proposed Action upon land use, natural resources, visual resources and character of the area, energy use, environmental hazards and human health resources. Key findings are outlined below:
All ground disturbances will take place along the Cedar Lane right-of-way in areas that have been previously disturbed by past road and sidewalk construction. The level of disturbance from installation of poles will be minimal.

The Proposed Action will result in the relocation of eleven poles, replacement of two poles, and installation of one new pole. These poles will be consistent in height with the other existing poles in the area which are 35 feet in height. PSEG Long Island performed a field visit on May 15, 2018 and determined that the Proposed Action can be completed without the removal of any trees. Tree trimming would be required for the installation of poles and associated overhead equipment and wires. As a result, no significant visual impacts will occur.

No potential for a significant adverse impact on the environment, flora, fauna, community character or human health has been identified as a result of the construction or operation of the Proposed Action. Based on the EAF and PSEG LI’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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