

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

Project: Bridgehampton Substation to Buell Substation Property Easement
Environmental Assessment

Date: August 16, 2019

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 and the Environmental Assessment (“EA”) provided by PSEG Long Island that the Proposed Action described below will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be required.

Name of Action: Bridgehampton Substation to Buell Substation Property Easements

Location: 22 Parcels Town of Southampton, New York and 32 Parcels in the Town of East Hampton (the “Property”)

SEQRA Status: Unlisted

Conditioned Negative Declaration: No

Proposed Action Description:

A Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) was prepared by PSEG Long Island to evaluate the potential impacts of the property easement acquisition. The Proposed Action consists of the acquisition of property easements located on 54 parcels, totaling approximately 27 acres in area, for the future construction of a new underground 69kV transmission line. The new 69kV underground transmission line will be ~27,500 feet (5.2 miles) in length and require a 3-foot wide trench for installation. This length, 5.2 miles, is the entirety length of the new transmission line including parcels west of Widow Gavits Road which are not part of the Proposed Action. Property easement acquisition will not require any land disturbance; however, future construction of the underground cable will require disturbance. Cable design has not been completed yet and as a result a separate SEQRA review will be conducted once design is complete. Completing a separate environmental review under SEQRA for the entire transmission line once design details are available will be no less protective of the environment than a SEQRA review encompassing both the easement acquisition and the cable installation. See 6 NYCRR 617.3(g)(1).

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

Based on a review of the Proposed Action’s scope of work, which only consists of acquisition of the property easements for future development, the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) was prepared to evaluate whether the Proposed Action has the potential to result in significant impacts. The acquisition of the property easements will not result in the immediate development or construction. Thus, there will not be any aesthetic, land use, environmental or community character impacts as a result of the acquisition. Potential for impacts as a result of construction of the underground cable will be evaluated in

a separate SEQRA assessment once substation design is complete. Based on the information presented and reviewed, the Proposed Action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts

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