

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

Project: Bridgehampton Substation to Buell Substation Property Easement
Environmental Assessment

Date: November 20, 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: 15 Parcels Town of Southampton, New York (the “Property”)

SEQR Status: Unlisted

Conditioned Negative Declaration: No

Proposed Action Description:

A Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) has been prepared to evaluate the potential impacts of the property easement acquisition. The Proposed Action includes the acquisition of underground property easements located on 15 parcels, totaling ±5.4 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. The 15 parcels are located within New York State Department of Environmental Conservation designated wetland or wetland adjacent areas lying in the western portion of the proposed underground transmission line. A Negative Declaration was issued by LIPA on August 19, 2019 for the acquisition of underground easements in non-wetland/wetland adjacent areas associated with the eastern portion of the proposed underground transmission line, which included parcels located east of Widow Gavits Road. 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. Pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.3(g)(1), completing a separate environmental review under SEQRA for the cable once more design details are available will be no less protective of the environment

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 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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