

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

Project: Riverhead Vehicle Canopy

Date: December 22, 2020

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 and the EA prepared 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: Riverhead Vehicle Canopy (“the Proposed Action”)

Location: 115 Doctors Path, Riverhead New York

SEQR Status: Unlisted

Conditioned Negative Declaration: No

Proposed Project Description:

The Proposed Action includes the installation of vehicle canopies within the previously constructed parking facilities located at the PSEG Long Island Riverhead operations office at 115 Doctors Path, Riverhead New York (“Riverhead Operations Office”). The Riverhead Operations Office is located on property owned by National Grid. PSEG Long Island occupies the Riverhead Operations Office pursuant to a lease agreement with National Grid. The Proposed Action will provide enhanced safety measures for employees that utilize the Riverhead Operations Office and will offer protection to the vehicles. Additionally, employee efficiency will be enhanced in inclement weather conditions as time normally spent cleaning off the vehicles from snow and ice will no longer be necessary due to the vehicles being protected by the canopies.

The vehicle canopies will be located over approximately 51 existing parking stalls and will encompass 0.74 acres of the parking area. The canopies are proposed to be constructed in three separate areas and will be approximately 21’ in height at the peak (See Attachment A). Solar panels will be affixed to the top of each vehicle canopy to be utilized for lighting beneath the canopies. Light will not extend beyond the canopy structure. Structural footings and foundations will be installed within the existing parking area to allow for the installation of the permanent canopies. All paved areas that are disturbed to allow for the installation of the foundations for the solar vehicle canopies will be restored in kind. No removal of vegetation will be required and no new additional impervious areas will result from the Proposed Action.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

Based on a review of the Proposed Action's scope of work in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA, the Short Environmental Assessment Form ("SEAF") was prepared to evaluate potential impacts of the Proposed Action. The SEAF evaluates the effect of the Proposed Action upon land use, natural resources, visual resources and community character, energy use, environmental hazards and human health resources.

Land Use and Community Character

Land Use

The Proposed Action involves the installation of vehicle canopies with solar panels for canopy lighting within the existing paved parking facility at the PSEGLI Riverhead operations yard. The PSEGLI Riverhead Operations yard is comprised of areas of vehicle and material storage, a commercial office building and multiple outbuildings including a transportation building with multiple tractor trailer bays. The Proposed Action will not result in any changes to land use and will utilize portions of the existing paved parking facility. Therefore, the Proposed Action will have no significant adverse impacts on land use and the Proposed Action will be consistent with the current character of the area.

Visual

The Proposed Action will not significantly impair the visual landscape as experienced from scenic or aesthetic resources of concern or interfere with or reduce the public's, or area residents', enjoyment and/or appreciation of the appearance of scenic, open space, or other resources. The solar vehicle canopies will be approximately 21 feet in height at their highest point, which is consistent with the existing structures located at the site of the Proposed Action. The existing warehouse and transportation building adjacent to the proposed canopies is approximately 14'6" in height at its minimum and 52' in height at its maximum.

The nearest residence is located adjacent to the site along the eastern property line. Two additional residences are located on the east side of Doctor's Path, across from the site. Land uses to the south and west consist of commercial facilities, while vacant land is located to the north. The site is comprised of an existing commercial/industrial use. While the vehicle canopies may be visible to the three residences in close proximity to the site, it will not be in contrast to the existing use and will not detract from the existing visual character of the site. Furthermore, a vegetated buffer that is a minimum of 95' wide surrounds the site of the Proposed Action to the north, west and south (see Figure 1). No tree trimming will occur as part of the Proposed Action. As such the installation of the solar vehicle canopies will not have a significant visual impact on the surrounding area.

Historic/Archaeological Resources

The Proposed Action is not located within, or substantially contiguous to any property listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. A portion of the Proposed Action is located within a New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) designated archaeologically sensitive area. A consultation request for the Proposed Action was submitted to the OPRHP on September 8, 2020. In a findings letter dated September 23, 2020 OPRHP made a

determination that no properties, including archaeological and/or historic resources, listed in or eligible for the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places will be impacted by the Proposed Action (see Attachment B). The Proposed Action will occur entirely within previously disturbed areas. Given this information, no impacts to archaeological and/or historic resources will occur.

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