

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

**Project:** William Floyd Substation New Feeder

**Date:** October 17, 2022

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 and the Short Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1,2, & 3 prepared by PSEG Long Island that the Proposed Action described below will not have significant adverse impact on the environmental and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

**Name of Action:** William Floyd Substation New Feeder

**Location:** William Floyd Parkway, Ramsey Road and Natcon Drive, Yaphank, New York

**SEQR Status:** Unlisted

**Conditioned Negative Declaration:** No

**Proposed Action Description:**

The Proposed Action includes the installation of approximately 9,300 linear feet of underground (UG) distribution conduit and cable from the William Floyd Substation via Horizontal Directional Drilling (“HDD”). An existing feeder, which is approximately 3,000 linear feet in length, will be abandoned in place. The Proposed Action also includes the installation of six (6) manholes, six (6) switchgears (PMH), and three (3) pad-mounted transformers along the Proposed Action route. As part of the Proposed Action, easements located along Natcon Drive from the customer will be required for the installation of three (3) switchgears and all three (3) of the planned pad-mounted transformers (See Figure 1).

As illustrated in Figure 1, the majority of the feeder will be installed via HDD beneath existing roadways, with the exception of where it exits the substation and where it terminates on the lot to be developed. The new feeder will start at the LIPA owned William Floyd Substation, exit the substation to the north towards Rose Executive Boulevard, and continue east past William Floyd Parkway until Luitpold Drive. The new feeder will then continue east along Luitpold Drive until Natcon Drive and then continue further east along Natcon Drive until Ramsey Road where the feeder will split. One route will continue south on Ramsey Road until it terminates. The other route will continue east along Natcon Drive and then south where it will terminate on a newly developed plot. The newly developed plot will include three new buildings; two of the buildings are proposed

1-story industrial buildings and one building is a proposed 3-story mini-storage building. The entirety of the new feed route is more particularly shown on Attachment A.

In total, approximately 0.15 acres of ground disturbance will occur for the entirety of the Proposed Action.

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (“CLCPA”) requires State agencies, authorities, and entities to direct funding in a manner designed to achieve a goal for disadvantaged communities to receive 40% of overall benefits of spending on clean energy and energy efficiency programs. The CLCPA directs the Climate Justice Working Group to establish criteria for defining disadvantaged communities, however until the criteria is established, New York State has identified interim criteria for disadvantaged communities. The Proposed Action is not located in a disadvantaged community as provided for by the interim criteria and does not include funding for clean energy and energy efficiency programs.

### **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 Parts 1, 2, &3 (“SEAF”) was prepared to evaluate potential impacts of the Proposed Action.

The SEAF evaluated the effect of the Proposed Action upon land use, natural resources, visual resources and community character, energy use, environmental hazards, and human health resources. Since the Proposed Action primarily involves the installation of a new UG feeder via HDD and manholes in previously disturbed and paved areas, there will be no changes to land use or community character.

The EAF Mapper Summary Report identified that the Proposed Action is located in or adjoining to the Central Suffolk Pine Barrens Critical Environmental Area (Pine Barrens). Upon further review, utilizing the publicly available [DECinfo Locator Interactive Map](#), the majority of the Proposed Action is located within the Pine Barrens Compatible Growth Area (CGA). The Proposed Action may require minimal clearing in this area in order to install pad mounted equipment. Given the Proposed Action’s location within the CGA, a letter was submitted to the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning & Policy Commission on May 26, 2022 requesting a determination as to whether or not the Proposed Action constituted “development” as per Article 57 of the Environmental Conservation Law. On June 15, 2022, the Pine Barrens Commission determined that the Proposed Action does not constitute development and indicated that PSEG Long Island would need to ensure that all work is located outside of filed conservation easements (see Attachments B and C). Given this information, the Proposed Action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the Pine Barrens.

The EAF Mapper Summary Report also identified that there are Northern Long-eared Bats (NLEB) located at or around the Proposed Action site. NLEB is listed as threatened, both Federally and in New York State. NLEB utilize tree cavities or trees with loose bark to roost, forage, and raise young. The Proposed Action will take place within and along paved right-of-ways, mowed roadside grass areas, and other areas that have been developed with industrial uses. As no trees

will be removed as part of the Proposed Action, and clearing will be minor in nature, primarily to facilitate the installation of a switchgear on the north side of Natcon Drive, the Proposed Action will not result in significant adverse impacts to wildlife or ecological communities, including the NLEB, at either the individual or the population level. The Proposed Action will not eliminate any high quality or valuable wildlife habitat and will not adversely affect the species that may occur in the area. Once construction is complete, all areas disturbed by PSEG Long Island and not occupied by new infrastructure will be restored in-kind.

The EAF Mapper Summary Report also identified that a portion of the Proposed Action area is located near the Precision Concepts remediation site. The site is located at 26 Natcon Drive in the hamlet of Shirley, and is listed for remediation due to the presence of 1,1,1-trichloroethane and 1,1-dichloroethane. Precision Concepts originally occupied the site from 1985 until 1993. Industrial activity performed by Precision Concepts included metal stamping, punching, light grinding, and metal cleaning, including the use of organic solvents 1,1,1-trichloroethane and 1,1-dichloroethane. Luitpold Pharmaceuticals currently occupies the site. According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) website, contamination was present at 26 Natcon Drive in both soils and groundwater on-site and in groundwater off-site. According to the NYSDEC website, remediation actions were taken and completed, and subsequent investigations determined that a significant threat to public health and the environment no longer exist due to the remediation. The Proposed Action will be located in the paved roadway south of the remediation site and will not be disturbing any soils directly within the remediation area, and will not result in any disturbance to the remediation site or result in transport or disturbance of any contaminants associated with the remediation site. As such, the Proposed Action will not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment or human health associated with the remediation site.

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 Proposed Action. Based on the SEAF and PSEG Long Island's recommendation according to the standards as set forth in SEQRA, the Proposed Action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

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