

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

Project: 133-135 Woodbury Road Property Acquisition (the “Proposed Action”)

Date: April 24, 2024

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 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 Environmental Assessment (“EA”) 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: 133-135 Woodbury Road Property Acquisition (the “Proposed Action”)

Location: 133-135 Woodbury Road, Hamlet of Woodbury, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York – Nassau County Land & Tax Map Section 14; Block E; Lot 16 (the “Property”)

SEQR Status: Unlisted

Conditioned Negative Declaration: No

Proposed Action Description:

The Proposed Action includes the acquisition of 133-135 Woodbury Road (the “Property”), identified as Nassau County Land & Tax Map Section 14; Block E; Lot 16, encompassing a total area of approximately 0.37 acre. The Property acquisition will not require any land disturbance. Figures 1 through 3 depict the location of the Property.

There are numerous New York State Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act (“CLCPA”) initiatives that will require additional property throughout Long Island. The CLCPA drives a Public Policy Requirement that will include physical modifications to the Long Island Transmission District (“Long Island PPTNs”) to accommodate the delivery of offshore wind energy from Long Island to the rest of the state in order to meet state energy goals under the CLCPA. The Proposed Action will serve to provide more flexibility in LIPA’s future planning and expansion needs, particularly related to Long Island PPTNs. The Property is anticipated to be used for installation of Long Island PPTN-related infrastructure, including but not limited to wood and/or steel utility poles, riser utility poles, and cable connections to adjacent transmission circuits

and associated infrastructure. A detailed site plan and design for the proposed use has not been completed yet and as a result a separate State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617 will be conducted once design is complete. Pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.3(g)(1), completing a separate environmental review under SEQRA for the Long Island PPTN-related infrastructure once more design details are available will be no less protective of the environment.

Reasons Supporting this Determination:

The Proposed Action is an “Unlisted” Action as defined in SEQRA. An Environmental Assessment (“EA”) was completed by PSEG Long Island. The EA analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action. Based on a review of the Proposed Action in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA, a Short Environmental Assessment Form Parts 1, 2 & 3 (“SEAF”) was prepared. Key findings are outlined below.

- The Proposed Action is located within the Oyster Bay Special Groundwater Protection Area (SGPA), a designated Critical Environmental Area (CEA). SGPAs are recharge watershed areas within a designated sole source area which are particularly important for the maintenance of large volumes of high-quality groundwater for long periods of time. The Property acquisition will not involve any ground disturbances, land development, portable/wastewater connections, or injections. Therefore, the Proposed Action will not have the potential for significant adverse impacts to this CEA.
- The Northern Long Eared Bat (NLEB) (state and federally listed endangered species) was identified as being potentially located in the vicinity of the Proposed Action. NLEBs spend winter hibernating in caves and mines, called hibernacula. They typically use large caves or mines with large passages and entrances, constant temperatures, and high humidity with no air currents. NLEB roost underneath bark, in cavities, or in crevices of trees during summer. Males and non-reproductive females may also roost in cooler places, like caves and mines. It has also been found, rarely, roosting in structures like barns and sheds.¹ As the Property acquisition will not involve any land clearing or development activities, no potential NLEB habitat will be impacted and therefore, the Proposed Action will not have the potential for significant adverse impacts to the NLEB.

As the Property acquisition will not involve any land development activities, there will be no change to predominant character of the existing landscape, nor will there be any adverse visual impacts. Additionally, there is no potential for significant adverse impacts on energy use, flora or fauna or human health. 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 impacts and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

¹ [Species Profile for Northern Long-Eared Bat \(*Myotis septentrionalis*\) \(fws.gov\)](https://www.fws.gov/species/northern-long-eared-bat)

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