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APA General Permit/Order 2019G-1

Permit #: 2023-0082

Certification for the Replacement of Certain Utility Poles

This certification under General Permit 2019G-1 is granted to Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. dba National Grid, authorizing the replacement of utility poles as described herein in the Town of North Elba, Essex County.

All terms and conditions of this certification shall apply to the applicant and any individual, contractor, municipality, or other entity undertaking the authorized work on the project site.

This certification does not grant any right to trespass upon the lands or interfere with the riparian rights of others, nor does it authorize the impairment of any easement, right, title, or interest in real or personal property.

Nothing contained in this certification shall be construed to satisfy any legal obligations of the applicant to comply with all applicable laws and regulations or to obtain any governmental approval or permit from any entity other than the Agency, whether federal, state, regional, or local.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AS PROPOSED

The project as conditionally approved herein involves temporary impacts to wetlands resulting from timber matting to access utility Structure 74 1/2 of the Lake Colby- Lake Placid transmission line for replacement of Switch X3-1.

The project is shown on the attached Project Plans, including four, annotated aerial photographs and a Plan and Profile titled "Transmission Map, Lake Colby – Lake Placid #3."

CONDITIONS

- 1. The height and location of the replacement utility poles and any associated vegetative cutting and maintenance shall comply with all applicable utility laws, regulations, safety requirements, and company specifications.
- 2. For projects involving wetlands:
 - a. Whenever practicable, access through wetlands shall occur on frozen ground and with the use of wide-tracked vehicles.
 - b. All activities shall occur in compliance with the "Best Management Practice for Preventing the Transportation of Invasive Plant Species," published by Environmental Energy Alliance of New York, 4/26/2012.

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c. No temporary access structure, including bog mats and work pads, shall be located within a wetland for more than 30 days.

- d. Existing poles to be replaced shall be removed completely from the wetland, including the portion of the pole that was below grade.
- e. If any hole left after removal of a pole or created for a replacement pole is to be backfilled with gravel or other ballast, the top six inches shall be covered with organic soil and the final elevation shall be the same as the surrounding wetland surface.
- f. The total area of wetland disturbance shall be limited to that necessary for replacement of the utility poles.
- 3. When brought from off-site, all vehicles, construction equipment, and hand excavation tools to be used on the project site shall be clean and free of soil, mud, or other similar material. If washed on the project site, equipment shall be washed in one location to prevent the distribution of propagules among different wash sites. All vehicles, construction equipment, and hand excavation tools used in areas that may contain existing invasive species shall be thoroughly cleaned prior to moving to other areas.
- 4. The Agency may conduct on-site investigations, examinations, and evaluations as it deems necessary to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this certification.

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CERTIFICATION issued this 8 day of may, 2023.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

John M./Burth

Environmental Program Specialist 3 (EPS3)

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the Kday of May in the year 2023, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared John M. Burth, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

Stephanie L. Petith
Notary Public, State of New York
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