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	<p>Certification for the Replacement of Certain Utility Poles</p>	

This certification under General Permit 2019G-1 is granted to Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. dba National Grid, authorizing temporary impacts to wetlands resulting from the installation of underground electric distribution associated 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 installation of underground electric distribution associated replacement of Switch X3-1 on utility Structure 74 1/2 of the Lake Colby- Lake Placid transmission line as authorized by Permit 2023-0082.

The project is shown on and described in the attached annotated aerial photographs and notes (Project Plans).

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.

- 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.
 - g. The installation or repair of underground utility lines shall not result in significant change in the preconstruction contours, flow or watertable characteristics of the wetland.
 - h. The area of wetland disturbance shall be limited to the minimum necessary to construct the utility line. Clearing of existing vegetation shall be limited to that material which poses an immediate hazard or hindrance to construction activities. Grading and grubbing of the wetland shall be minimized to the greatest extent practicable.
 - i. Where trenching for the installation or repair of underground utilities in wetlands, the top 12 inches of wetland soil shall be first removed and temporarily placed onto a geo-textile blanket running parallel to the trench. Sub-grade soils dug from the trench shall be sidecast on the opposite side of the trench onto another geo-textile blanket running parallel to the trench. All sidecast material shall be placed and stabilized in such a manner so as to prevent its dispersion by normal or high water flows.
 - j. The length of trench to be opened should be only that which can be opened and completed in one day. After installation or repair of the underground utilities, including placement of bedding materials, the sub-grade soils shall be backfilled into the trench, followed by the surface wetland soils. The wetland soil should be left 3 to 6 inches above the surrounding un-disturbed wetland surface to allow for settling. All excess material must be removed to upland areas and stabilized immediately upon completion of construction. The geo-textile blanket can be utilized for the next trench section or rolled up and taken off-site after the work is completed.
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.

- 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.

CERTIFICATION issued this 28th day
of September, 2023.

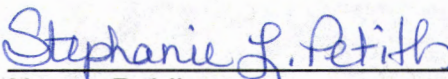
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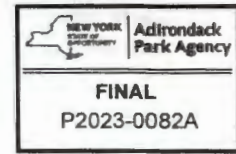
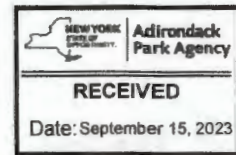
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 28th day of September in the year 2023, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared David J. Plante, 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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Qualified in Franklin County
Commission Expires April 15, 2025

1) Install UG distribution from Raybrook Substation to Switch X3-1 on Structure 74 ½



2) Cross approximately 50 feet of mapped wetland



Notes:

- 1) Install UG electric distribution in 2" PVC conduit
- 2) Bury approximately 2' below grade
- 3) Trench width approximately 2'-3'
- 4) Separate wetland topsoil from subsoil and replace in reverse order
- 5) All work in wetlands will be done from matting