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APA General Permit/Order 2019G-1

Permit #: 2023-0223

Certification for the Replacement of Certain Utility Poles

This certification under General Permit 2019G-1 is granted to National Grid, authorizing the replacement of utility poles as described herein in the Town of Wells, Hamilton 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 replacement of an existing 38.5-foot-tall utility pole with a new pole with an additional pole-top antenna for National Grid communication equipment resulting in an overall height of 43.25 feet above ground level.

The project is shown on the following Site Plan titled "Site Plan," prepared by Patrick Blehar, and dated November 20, 2023.

A reduced-scale copy of the Site Plan for the project, shown on "Site Plan" and dated November 20, 2023, is attached to this certificate for easy reference. The original, full-scale maps and plans described in this paragraph are the official plans for the project, with copies available upon request from Adirondack Park Agency headquarters in Ray Brook, New York.

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.

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2. For projects involving wetlands:

- a. Whenever practicable, access through wetlands shall occur on frozen ground and with the use of wide-tracked vehicles.
- 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.
- 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 21st day of November, 2023.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

BY:

David J. Plante, AICP CEP

Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 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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