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Permit #: 2024-0073

Certificate for Certain Minor Regulated Activities in APA Jurisdictional Freshwater Wetlands

This certificate under General Permit 2024G-1 is granted to National Grid, authorizing a minor regulated activity in a freshwater wetland pursuant to the Freshwater Wetlands Act (Environmental Conservation Law, Article 24) and the Adirondack Park Agency Act (Executive Law, Article 27, including Section 809(13)(e)), in an area classified Industrial Use by the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan as described in the application received by the Agency on March 13, 2024, and as depicted on the attached reduced-scale Project Plans. The project site is in the Town of Harrietstown, Franklin County.

The project shall not be undertaken or continued unless the project authorized herein, including site restoration and any required compensatory wetland mitigation, is completed within four years of the date of issuance of this certification.

This certificate does not convey any right to trespass upon the lands or interfere with the riparian rights of others in order to undertake the authorized project, nor does it authorize the impairment of any easement, right, title, or interest in real or personal property.

Nothing contained in this certificate shall be construed to satisfy any legal obligations of the permittee 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.

Failure to comply with this general permit and approved attached Project Plans is a violation and may subject the project sponsor, successors and assigns to civil penalties and other legal proceedings, including modification, suspension or revocation of the permit.

## **PROJECT SITE**

The project site is located within the Airport Road right-of-way in the Town of Harrietstown, Franklin County, in an area classified Industrial Use on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is adjacent to Tax Map Section 423, Block 1, Parcel 41.100.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION AS PROPOSED

The project as conditionally approved herein involves installation of a new midspan utility pole along an existing electricity distribution line within the Airport Road transportation and utility right-of-way. The proposed pole will stand 38.5-feet above grade. An underground transformer will also be installed.

The project is shown on the following one-page plan titled "National Grid WR 30920760" prepared by National Grid, and received by the Agency March 13, 2024.

A reduced-scale copy of the Project Plans for the project 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**

- This permit is binding on the permittee(s) and all contractors undertaking all or a
  portion of the project authorized herein. Copies of this certificate and Project
  Plans shall be furnished by the permittee to all contractors prior to undertaking
  the activities authorized herein.
- 2. This certificate authorizes minor regulated activities in a freshwater wetland as depicted and described in the Project Plans. Any change to the location, dimensions, materials, or other aspect of the activities authorized herein shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 3. Prior to construction, including clearing and grubbing, temporary erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed and maintained as depicted and described in the Project Plans. All silt fence shall be properly installed with the bottom buried at a depth of at least 4 inches. Once the site has been stabilized, silt fence and any other temporary erosion and sediment controls shall be completely removed.
- 4. All site restoration activities depicted and described in the Project Plans shall be implemented within three days of project completion, and in accordance with the approved implementation schedule.
- 5. The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing within five business days after the work authorized by this Certificate has been successfully completed. Written notification shall include color photographs which clearly show the completed work and site restoration and identify the date and location that the photographs were taken.
- The authorized work shall be scheduled and conducted during drier periods (not during major storm events, spring runoff, and thawing conditions) to avoid and minimize erosion of soils and to prevent silting and muddying of wetlands or surface waterbodies.
- 7. No mechanized equipment shall be driven in wetlands unless expressly authorized herein. Every effort shall be made to work from upland areas and to minimize disturbances to areas adjacent to wetlands. Only tracked equipment shall be used in wetlands. Vehicular access in wetlands shall be under frozen conditions when possible.

- 8. Wetland disturbance including grading and grubbing of stumps and roots shall be limited to the area depicted and described on the Project Plans.
- 9. No waste disposal, material or excavation stockpiling, or dewatering discharge shall occur in or within 100 feet of wetlands unless specifically authorized in the Project Plans.
- 10. When brought from off-site, all equipment, including but not limited to trucks, excavators, tractors, etc., and hand excavation tools such as shovels, rakes, and picks, 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 construction equipment and vehicles operating in areas that may contain existing invasive species shall be thoroughly cleaned prior to moving to other areas.
- 11. All tree cutting and/or vegetation removal shall be limited to the area depicted and described on the Project Plans. All cut vegetation shall be immediately removed from the wetland and adjacent area upon completion of the activity.
- 12. The installation or repair of underground utility lines shall not result in significant change in the pre-construction contours, flow, or water table characteristics of the wetland.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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 undisturbed 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.
- 15. Any fills required for temporary construction access, detour and work pad facilities shall be of clean, heavy stone fill or other non-erodible material placed on geo-textile fabric up to the mean high water elevation.
- 16. Temporary construction access, detour and work pad facilities (including necessary fills) shall be located so as to avoid or minimize disturbance of the wetland, and appropriate temporary drainage measures must be taken to maintain pre-construction water flows and water table characteristics.

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- 17. Water control structures shall be of the type and size, and shall beplaced in such a manner, so as to not impair surface water flow into or out of the wetland.
- 18. Water control structures shall be constructed of non-erodible materials and located in such a manner so as to prevent its dispersion or movement by normal or high water flows.
- 19. Temporary construction access, detour, and work pad facilities (including necessary fills) shall be entirely removed following completion of construction activities, and the affected and adjacent area successfully restored to its preconstruction condition, including replacement planting of native trees and shrubs.

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