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Date Issued: October 24, 2025

In the Matter of a Proposal by

NATIONAL GRID AND THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION Permittees

Subject to Sections 809 and 814 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act and 9 NYCRR Part 578

To the County Clerk: Please index this permit in the grantor index under the following name(s):

- 1. National Grid
- 2. New York State Department Of Transportation

# SUMMARY AND AUTHORIZATION

This permit and order authorizes the installation of utility poles in an area classified Low Intensity Use, Rural Use, and Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map in the Town of Putnam, Washington County.

This authorization shall expire unless recorded in the Washington County Clerk's Office within 60 days of issuance of a signed and notarized permit. The signed and notarized permit shall be recorded in the names of all persons listed above and in the names of all owners of record of any portion of the project site on the recordation date.

The project shall not be undertaken or continued unless the project authorized herein is in existence within five years of the date the permit is recorded in the Washington County Clerk's Office. The Agency will consider the project in existence when any of the utility poles authorized herein have been installed.

The project shall be undertaken in compliance with all conditions stated herein. Failure to comply with this permit is a violation and may subject the permittee, successors, and assigns to civil penalties and other legal proceedings.

This permit 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 permit 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.

# **PROJECT SITE**

The project site is located within the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) highway transportation and utility right-of-way located on NYS Route 22, and the existing transportation and utility right-of-way located on Cummings Road, Liddle Harris Road, Lillie Lane, and Notch Hill Road in the Town of Putnam, Washington County, in an area classified Low Intensity Use, Rual Use, and Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map.

The project site is located partially within a Resource Management and Rural Use state highway critical environmental area. Additional wetlands not described herein or depicted on the Project Plan may be located on or adjacent to the project site.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project as conditionally approved herein involves a distribution line rebuild including: the replacement of 29 existing utility poles ranging from 34 to 38.5 feet above grade with 29 new utility poles ranging from 38.5 to 47.5 feet above grade, the installation of 11 new utility poles measuring 34 to 38.5 feet above grade, and the installation two new utility poles measuring 40 feet above grade. A portion of the utility pole replacements involve wetlands.

The project is shown on a 25-page set of plans titled "National Grid (WR 16263343)", received by the Agency on August 6, 2025 (Project Plans).

A reduced-scale copy of Page 1 of the Project Plans is attached as a part of this permit for reference.

## **AGENCY JURISDICTION**

Pursuant to Section 809(2)(a) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to the construction of any structure in excess of 40 feet in height on Low Intensity Use, Rural Use, and Resource Management lands in the Adirondack Park.

Pursuant to Section 809(2)(a) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act and Adirondack Park Agency regulations at 9 NYCRR Part 578, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to any deposit of fill in or excavation of a wetland in the Adirondack Park.

The proposal involves new land use and development on NYSDOT lands within the Adirondack Park pursuant to § 814 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, 9 NYCRR § 579.1, and 9 NYCRR § 4.150 (Executive Order 150).

### THE PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. The project shall not be undertaken until this permit has been recorded in the Washington County Clerk's Office.

- This permit is binding on the permittee, all present and future owners or lessees of the project site, and all persons undertaking all or a portion of the project, for as long as the authorized structures remain on the site. Copies of this permit and Project Plans shall be furnished by the permittee to all subsequent owners or lessees of the project site prior to sale or lease, and by the permittee and/or any subsequent owner or lessee to all persons undertaking any development activities authorized herein.
- 3. In addition to complying with all terms and conditions of this permit, all future activities on the project site shall be undertaken in compliance with the requirements of New York State's Adirondack Park Agency Act, Freshwater Wetlands Act, and the Adirondack Park Agency's implementing regulations [9 NYCRR §§ 570-588].
- 4. This permit authorizes the installation of the new and replacement utility poles in the locations shown and as depicted on the Project Plans. Any change to the location, dimensions, or other aspect of the authorized structures shall require prior Agency authorization.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Any lighting associated with the authorized structures shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 7. Between April 1 and September 30, no trees shall be removed or disturbed on the project site without prior written Agency authorization.
- 8. When pole replacements occur in wetlands, the existing poles to be replaced shall be removed completely from the wetland, including that portion of the pole that was buried. Any hole that remains after removal of a pole or is created for a replacement pole shall be backfilled with gravel or other ballast and the top six inches shall be covered with organic soil. The final elevation of the filled in hole area shall be the same as the surrounding wetland surface.
- 9. 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. If work cannot be performed under frozen conditions, timber mats shall be used for access in wetlands, to be removed within three days of project completion and areas beneath timber mats restored to pre-construction condition. No temporary access structures shall be located within a wetland for more than 30 days.
- 10. Prior to pole replacements involving wetlands, temporary erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed and maintained in between ground disturbance and wetlands. 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.

- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. The undertaking of any activity involving wetlands not authorized herein shall require a new or amended permit.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Agency has considered all statutory and regulatory criteria for project approval set forth in the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Freshwater Wetlands Act and 9 NYCRR Part 578, and 9 NYCRR Part 574. The Agency hereby finds that the project authorized as conditioned herein:

- a. will be consistent with the land use and development plan;
- b. will be compatible with the character description and purposes, policies, and objectives of the Resource Management, Low Intensity, and Rural Use land use area;
- c. will be consistent with the overall intensity guidelines for the Resource Management, Low Intensity, and Rural Use land use area;
- d. will comply with the shoreline restrictions of § 806 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act;
- e. will not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational or open space resources of the Park or upon the ability of the public to provide supporting facilities and services made necessary by the project;
- f. will secure the natural benefits of wetlands associated with the project, consistent with the general welfare and beneficial economic, social, and agricultural development of the state; and
- g. will result in minimal degradation or destruction of the wetland or its associated values and provides an essential public benefit.

PERMIT issued this and day of October, 2025.

## ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

John M. Burth

Députy Director, Regulatory Programs

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the H day of October in the year 2025, 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.

STEPHANIE PETITH
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