

**Full Environmental Assessment Form  
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts  
and  
Determination of Significance**

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

**Reasons Supporting This Determination:**

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

Part 2, #1. Impact on Land - Construction of the Proposed Action will require the excavation of previously disturbed land within existing rights of way and franchise areas for the following: relocation of 91 poles (including transmission and distribution poles), removal of 2 transmission poles, installation of 6 new poles (including transmission and distribution poles), installation of 3 manholes, installation of 1 below grade transformer, installation of 1 switchgear and the UG drill pit locations. Erosion controls will be utilized for the one pole relocation within wetlands adjacent area, and soils will be stabilized immediately after construction. Any impacts to land from construction will be temporary in nature and will be mitigated by work methods and controls. Accordingly, any impacts to land would be minor and not significant.

Part 2, #3. Impacts on Surface Waters - Disturbances associated with the Proposed Action will be limited to minimal areas of previously disturbed roadway/utility rights of way and paved areas (0.02 acres of excavation). One pole replacement is located within a DEC Freshwater regulated wetlands adjacent area, and as such requires submission of a site specific Notice of Commencement (NOC) to the NYSDEC pursuant to PSEG- LI's Wetlands General Permit (GP-1-9901-00011/00026). The area of disturbance will be located within a well-maintained grass shoulder, and within a curb line that lies between the pole area and the wetland. The NOC was submitted to the NYSDEC on January 17, 2019.

Part 2, #6. Impacts on Air - Temporary vehicle operation will occur throughout Proposed Action construction. 1 Drilling truck and 1 or 2 support trucks may operate through the majority of the daytime construction period (8 hours in a typical day, Monday through Friday only). However, construction activities will involve a relatively modest number of workers and deliveries, so the number of construction worker vehicle and truck trips will be small in comparison to existing traffic volumes. Therefore, it is anticipated that the Proposed Action will not result in any significant adverse impact from emissions and fugitive dust generated by the Proposed Action.

Part 2, #7. Impact on Plants and Animals - The Proposed Action will not result in significant adverse impacts to wildlife or ecological communities including rare, threatened or endangered species at either the individual or population level. Construction or operation of the Proposed Action will not eliminate any high quality or valuable wildlife habitat and will not adversely affect the species that may occur in the area. Once project construction is complete, the disturbance areas will be seeded/restored. Refer to Natural Resources section in Construction - Attachment C for more information.

Part 2, #16. Impact on Human Health - 72 spills which occurred adjacent/near the Proposed Action and 8 spills which have occurred along NYS-112 roadway with no address/specific location indicated are listed in the NYSDEC Spill Database going back to 1978. NYSDEC has closed all of these spill incidences as having been remediated or not requiring remediation, and therefore they are not a risk to human health. No hazardous materials will be utilized for the Proposed Action. Therefore, the Proposed Action will not result in exposure to, or mobilization of, hazardous materials.

Part 2, #18. Impact on Aesthetic Resources - The Proposed Action will result in the installation of taller poles along the west side NYS-112 from Granny Road to Old Port Jefferson Road, and the removal of existing poles on the east side of NYS-112 in the same Project area. The proposed changes to the poles on the west side of NYS-112 will increase the vertical profile of the existing OH line of poles, and views show an overall shift of utilities from east to west with a slight increase in total height. The existing trees along the west side of NYS-112 are similar in height as the poles to be relocated to the west side, and these trees will continue to help decrease the visual impact of the taller poles. Refer to Visual Resources - Attachment B and the associated Figures, Photographs and Visual Simulations - Appendix A for more information.

**Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions**

SEQR Status:       Type 1                       Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project:    Part 1               Part 2               Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

USGS Topographical Map, NYSDEC Wetlands Maps, CRIS map, NYS OPRHP New York State Historic Sites and Park Boundary & National Register Site; Suffolk County Parcel Data; USGS CMGP LIDAR: Post Sandy; Suffolk County GIS Viewer: Land Use data; field investigations; PSEG Long Island prepared plans: 69 kV Transmission Route Plan, CEM 10054 Scope Documents, & Proposed UG, prepared 2019; attached EAF Supplemental Report.

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the  
Long Island Power Authority as lead agency that:

A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

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There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: PSEG-LI Overhead and Underground Utility Relocation for the NYS-112 Road Widening Project

Name of Lead Agency: Long Island Power Authority (LIPA)

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Rick Shansky

Title of Responsible Officer: Vice President of Operations Oversight

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

*Jessica Math*

Date: 4/15/2019

**For Further Information:**

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**For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:**

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>