



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

February 22, 2012

Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
c/o David Beron
40 Sylvan Road
Waltham, MA 02451

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

Re: Application No. 12-0003 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 555 feet southeast of Greenville Road, by utility pole no. H-17-5; approximately 1,700 feet south-southwest of the intersection of Greenville Road and Old Greenville Road; Assessor's Plat 12, Lot 311, North Smithfield, RI

Dear Mr. Beron:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Request for Preliminary Determination** application and has evaluated the proposed relocated installation of 115kV Transmission Line Structure H-17-4 with Angle Guy Wire Anchors and the removal of existing 115kV Transmission Line Structure H-17-5, both associated with the Rhode Island Reliability Project (RIRP), as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. The most recently revised site plans were received on February 8, 2012.

Our observations of the subject property, review of the site plans and evaluation of the proposed project reveals that alterations of freshwater wetlands are proposed. However, pursuant to Rule 9.00 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act (Rules), this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Application No. 12-0003:

1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) Section 2-1-18 et seq.
2. This permit is specifically limited to the project, site alterations and limits of disturbance as detailed on the site plans submitted with your application and received by the DEM on February 8, 2012. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the project which would alter freshwater wetlands are not authorized without a permit from the DEM.
3. Where the terms and conditions of the permit conflict with the approved site plans, these terms and conditions shall be deemed to supersede the site plans.
4. You must notify this Program in writing immediately prior to the commencement of site alterations and upon completion of the project.

5. A copy of the stamped approved site plans and a copy of this permit must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this permit and the stamped approved plans must be made available for review by any DEM representative upon request.
6. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires on July 1, 2017.
7. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter which could pollute any freshwater wetland.
8. Prior to commencement of site alterations, you shall erect or post a sign resistant to the weather and at least twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches long, which boldly identifies the initials "DEM" and the application number of this permit. This sign must be maintained at the site in a conspicuous location until such time that the project is complete.
9. Temporary erosion and sediment controls detailed or described on the approved site plans shall be properly installed at the site prior to or commensurate with site alterations. Such controls shall be properly maintained, replaced, supplemented, or modified as necessary throughout the life of this project to minimize soil erosion and to prevent sediment from being deposited in any wetlands not subject to disturbance under this permit.
10. You are obligated to install, utilize and follow all best management practices detailed or described on the approved site plans in the construction of the project to minimize or prevent adverse impacts to any adjacent freshwater wetlands and the functions and values provided by such wetlands.
11. Any tree cutting/clearing that is necessary for the installation of the four proposed guy wire anchors associated with the new H-17-4 must be kept to the minimum.

Please note that this Department has not verified the wetland edges that are illustrated on the approved site plans, as part of this application. Therefore, you must strictly adhere to the limits of disturbance depicted on the approved site plans.

This permit is valid for the applicant and is automatically transferred upon the sale of the property to the new owner in accordance with Rule 11.04.

You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit and to carry out this project in compliance with the Rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action against you by this Department.

In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

This permit does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state, or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law and does not relieve you from any duties owed to adjacent landowners with specific reference to any changes in drainage.

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Please contact Daniel Kowal of this office (telephone: 401-222-4700, ext. 7416) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles A. Horbert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Charles A. Horbert, Permitting Supervisor

Freshwater Wetlands Program

Office of Water Resources

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Enclosure: Approved site plans.

xc: Robert Ericson, North Smithfield Town planner
Adam Rosenblatt, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.