



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

February 15, 2013

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

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

RE: Application No. 13-0011 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 1,185 feet south of Putnam Pike (U.S. Route 44), by utility pole nos. S171-91 and T172-92; approximately 2,500 feet southwest of the intersection of U.S. Route 44 and the Interstate 295 underpass; Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 005, 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 1) the proposed installation of the two permanent access four-foot wide pathways to the S171-91 and T172-91 Switch Structures that are located within a portion of the existing right-of-way (ROW) associated with the Rhode Island Reliability Project (RIRP), and has evaluated 2) the as-built grounding grid switch pads installed at Switch Structures S171-91 and T172-91, which were previously approved in wetlands application file no. 09-0163 under a permit to alter freshwater wetlands issued on October 15, 2010 for proposed electric transmission system improvements in Rhode Island under the RIRP), as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on January 24, 2013.

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. 13-0011:

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 January 24, 2013. 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.

Please be advised that not all of the freshwater wetland locations, extents, and types depicted on the approved site plans have been verified; only those freshwater wetlands subject to alterations located within and near the proposed project have been verified. Should you wish to have the types and extent of freshwater wetlands verified, you may submit the appropriate application in accordance with Rule 8.03.

This Permit also constitutes your authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the work proposed. Your project qualifies as a Category 1 activity under the Rhode Island General Permit (General Permit No. NAE-2011-2402), (RI GP). You can view this permit at http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/SGP/RI_PGP.pdf. **You are, therefore, not required to file a separate application with the Corps.**

Please note that the General Conditions within the RI GP apply to all activities authorized under the RI GP. Please review them carefully to thoroughly familiarize yourself with their contents. You may wish to discuss all permit conditions with your contractor to ensure that the work can be accomplished in a manner which conforms to all requirements.

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 by this Department and/or subject you to the enforcement provisions of the Corps' regulations.

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.

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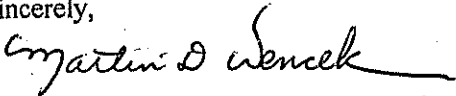
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In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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.

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

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Permitting Supervisor
Freshwater Wetlands Program
Office of Water Resources

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Enclosures: Approved site plans
PGP Permit Conditions

xc: Michael A. Phillips, Smithfield Planning Director
Adam Rosenblatt, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.
Robert J. DeSista, US Army Corps of Engineers