



**RHODE ISLAND**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES  
235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

September 25, 2018

The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid  
c/o Michael Ryan  
280 Melrose Street  
Providence, RI 02907

**Insignificant Alteration – Permit**

RE: Application No. 18-0199 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 170 feet northwest of Central Avenue at 165 Central Avenue, utility pole no. 14;  
approximately 570 feet west of the intersection of Alden Street and Central Avenue; Assessor's Plat 11,  
Lot 630, Johnston, RI.

Dear Mr. Ryan:

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 installation of a fiber communications line with overhead lines, underground conduit, and new utility pole installation associated with the existing Johnston Substation No. 18, as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on July 27, 2018.

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. 18-0199:

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 July 27, 2018. 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. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of Johnston and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this permit was recorded.
7. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four (4) years from the date of issue.
8. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter which could pollute any freshwater wetland.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. You are responsible for the proper operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, facilities, and systems of treatment and control which are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent wetlands.
12. 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.

**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 Self-Verification (SV) activity under the Rhode Island General Permit (General Permit No. NAE-2016-2264), (RI GP). You can view this permit at: ["http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/regulatory/StateGeneralPermits/RI/Rhode Island General Permits 2017.pdf"](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/regulatory/StateGeneralPermits/RI/Rhode%20Island%20General%20Permits%202017.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.

**Kindly be advised that this permit is not equivalent to a verification of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on site. 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.**

Pursuant to the provisions in Rule 7.09 and Rule 11.04, as applicable, any properly recorded and valid permit is automatically transferred to the new owner upon sale of the property.

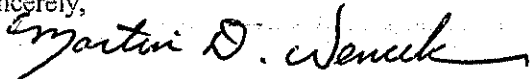
You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit and to carry out this project in compliance with the Rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action by this Department and/or subject you to the enforcement provisions of the Corps' regulations.

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. Wenczek, Permitting Supervisor  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
Office of Water Resources

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

ec: Adam E. Rosenblatt, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.