



**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
**OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES**  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

October 2, 2024

The Narragansett Electric Company  
Marc Smith  
280 Melrose Street  
Providence, RI 02907

### **Freshwater Wetlands Permit**

Re: Application No. 24-0166 for the property and project located:

Approximately 60-feet west of Greenville Road, and approximately 1,514 feet southwest from Greenville Road and its intersection with Old Greenville Road, closest utility pole No. 17, Assessor's Plat 12, Lot 259, North Smithfield, RI.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Application for a Freshwater Wetlands Permit** as described in Rule 3.11 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-3 ("Rules"). This review included a site inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") and an evaluation of the proposed construction of a new graded gravel work pad and access ramp, paved highway apron, plunge pool, and rip rap drainage swale with clearing, grading, landscaping and associated site alterations as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on August 26, 2024.

Our observations of the subject property, review of the site plans and evaluation of the proposed project reveals that alterations of jurisdictional areas are proposed. However, pursuant to Rule 3.7.3A of the Rules, this project meets the General Variance Criteria and a **Freshwater Wetlands Permit** may be issued under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Wetlands Application No. 24-0166:

1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 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 August 26, 2024. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the project that would alter jurisdictional areas 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 of the anticipated start date, and of your contractor's contact information, by submitting the Notice of Start of Construction Form prior to commencement of any permitted site alterations or construction activity. You must also notify this Program in writing upon completion of the project. The Start of Construction Form can be found on the webpage: [dem.ri.gov/stormwaterconstruction](http://dem.ri.gov/stormwaterconstruction).
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 or town representative upon request.
7. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires five (5) years from the date of this letter unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
8. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any jurisdictional area.
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 freshwater wetland, buffer, floodplain, area subject to storm flowage, or area subject to flooding or other jurisdictional areas not subject to disturbance under this permit.
11. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls must be removed.
12. You are responsible for the proper installation, operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, stormwater treatment facilities, and systems of treatment and control that are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent freshwater wetland, buffer or floodplain, area subject to storm flowage, or area subject to flooding or other jurisdictional areas until documentation is provided that this responsibility has been assigned to another entity. The long-term operation and maintenance plan shall be strictly followed. The long-term O & M Plan shall be that entitled "S171/T172 Line Rebuild Project Structure 17 - Rhode Island Energy – North Kingstown, Rhode Island: Long Term Operation & Maintenance Plan" submitted in August 2024 by BSC Group located at 300 Brickstone Square, Suite 203 in Andover, MA 01810.
13. You are obligated to install, utilize, follow and maintain 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 wetland, buffer, floodplain, area subject to storm flowage or area subject to flooding or other jurisdictional areas and the functions and values provided by such freshwater wetlands and buffers, floodplain, and other jurisdictional areas.

14. You must provide written certification from a registered land surveyor or registered professional engineer that the stormwater drainage system including any and all basins, piping systems, catch basins, culverts, swales and any other stormwater management control features have been constructed/installed in accordance with the site plans approved by this permit. This written certification must be submitted to this Program within twenty (20) days of its request or upon completion of the project.
15. Access roads and work pads within buffers are to be restored by loaming and applying an appropriate conservation seed mix.
16. The perimeter sediment control (compost filter sock) depicted on sheet 3 of 5 of the site plans is considered the approved limit of disturbance (LOD), since a separate LOD line is depicted within the erosion controls that does not enclose all work proposed (i.e. the erosion controls).

Pursuant to the provisions in 250-RICR-150-15-3.8.13 and 250-RICR-150-15-3.14.4(A), as applicable, any properly recorded and valid Freshwater Wetlands 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.

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

Kindly be advised that this permit is not equivalent to a verification of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands or jurisdictional areas on site. Should you wish to have the types and extent of freshwater wetlands verified, you may submit the appropriate application in accordance with 250-RICR-150-15-3.9.3.

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 Sam Dufresne of this office (telephone: 401-537-4220) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Nancy L. Freeman, Environmental Scientist III  
Office of Water Resources  
Freshwater Wetlands Program

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

cc: Alison Milliman, Sr. Project Manager, BSC Group, Inc.  
Leo Cote, Building Official, Town of North Smithfield, RI

