



January 20, 2021
Adopted Resolution
LIPA Monopole at Riverhead Substation
Core Preservation Area of the Central Pine Barrens

Present:

Mr. Dale (for the Suffolk County Executive)
Mr. Romaine (Brookhaven Town Supervisor)
Mr. McCormick (for the Riverhead Town Supervisor)
Mr. Schneiderman (Southampton Town Supervisor)

Vacant
Chair

Steven Bellone
Member

Yvette Aguiar
Member

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Jay H. Schneiderman
Member

Whereas, on December 9, 2020, Long Island Power Authority caused the installation of a 150 foot monopole at its Riverhead Substation in the Town of Southampton on the property identified as Suffolk County Tax Map Number 900-135-2-2, on the south side of Peconic River, in the Central Pine Barrens Core Preservation Area without first notifying the Commission, and

Whereas, on November 18, 2008, the Central Pine Barrens Commission granted a Compelling Public Need Waiver to the Long Island Power Authority for an expansion of the Riverhead Substation, and

Whereas, on December 10, 2020, the Commission sought information about the monopole from PSEGLI, LIPA's agent and on December 10, 2020, PSEGLI forwarded to the Commission their SEQRA documentation and negative declaration on the project, and

Whereas, the monopole is a Distribution Automated (DA) Radio Repeater for PSEGLI communications. It is funded by a grant from FEMA through LIPA. PSEGLI operates and maintains the system as agent for LIPA, and

Whereas, the monopole was constructed within the fenced and developed area of the Substation, and

Whereas, the purpose of the project is to improve resiliency in PSGELI/LIPA's system operations during emergency events, and it is an essential element of PSEGLI/LIPA's communication system across Long Island, and

Whereas, no private carriers will be added to the monopole, and the applicant offered a covenant to this effect, and it will not be lighted, and

Whereas, no significant adverse environmental impacts were identified by the applicant in their assessment of the project, and

Now therefore be it

Resolved, the Commission approves the monopole, nunc pro tunc, as if it was part of the substation proposal, and be it further be

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Resolved, the Commission accepts the applicant's offer to place a covenant and restriction on the Property prohibiting the installation of private cellular facilities on the Property, and be it further

Resolved, PSEGLI or LIPA shall provide a draft Covenant and Restriction to the Commission within thirty days of this resolution. Once approved LIPA shall cause the same to be recorded against the property in the Office of the Suffolk County Clerk within thirty days and provide proof of recording to the Commission within thirty days of recording.

Record of Motion

Motion By: Mr. Dale

Seconded by: Ms. Aguiar

Record of Vote:

Ayes: 3 (Mr. Dale, Ms. Aguiar, Mr. Schneiderman)

Nays: None

Abstentions: 1 (Mr. Romaine)

Absent: New York State Governor's Representative