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Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission
c/o Ms. Julie Hargrave
624 Old Riverhead Road
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

RE: PSEG Long Island Notification of Work
LIRR and LIPA/Public Right-of-Way Transmission Pole Replacements - 2025
Hamlet of Calverton Town of Riverhead, Suffolk County and Hamlets of Shoreham
and East Shoreham, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County

Dear Ms. Hargrave,

PSEG Long Island, as agent for the Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a LIPA, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Long Island Power Authority, is providing notification to the Commission for project activities located within the Central Pine Barrens.

Project activities within the Central Pine Barrens will include the replacement of three transmission poles (Pole #s 13.5, 79A, and SUB 5). These poles require replacement as part of a regular maintenance program to ensure continued safe and reliable electric service. As depicted on Figures 1 and 2, one of these poles are located within the Pine Barrens Compatible Growth Area and two of these poles are located within the Core Preservation Area.

Pole replacement details are provided on Table 1. All existing poles will be replaced with new poles no more than 5 feet taller than the poles they are replacing, with pole diameter increases of less than 6 inches. Existing and replaced poles are composed of wood and there will be no changes to pole top configurations or infrastructure. Poles will be replaced within approximately 5 feet from their current locations. Photos of the existing pole locations are provided in Attachment 1.

Limited vegetation removal and/or trimming will be required to access and complete replacement activities, as follows:

- Pole #79A will require minor disturbance (an approximate 5 foot by 5 foot area) to low-lying herbaceous vegetation. No trees will be removed or trimmed. No shrubs will be removed.
- Pole #s SUB 5 and 13.5 will require clearing of low-lying herbaceous vegetation and shrubs, as well as minor tree trimming for vehicles and equipment to access the poles. Vegetation activities will occur along an approximate 5 foot by 15 foot area..

All disturbed work areas will be reseeded with a native seed mix.

Based on a review of ECL 57-0107 (13), the project would be classified as one or more of the following, and therefore, would not constitute development:

- (i) Public improvements undertaken for the health, safety, or welfare of the public. Such public improvements shall be consistent with the goals and objectives of this article, and shall include, but not be limited to, maintenance of an existing road or railroad track;
- (ii) work by any utility not involving substantial engineering redesign for the purpose of inspection, maintenance or renewal on established utility rights-of-way or the likes, and any work pertaining to water supply for the residents of Suffolk county;
- (vi) Work by a utility performed for the purpose of public health, safety, or welfare and consistent with the goals and objectives of this article.

Please let us know if you require additional information or have additional questions regarding this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Hepding".

Emily Hepding
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Table 1

Pole Replacement Details

Table 1
PSEG Long Island
LIRR and LIPA/Public Right-of-Way Transmission Pole Replacements - Calendar Year 2025
Pine Barrens Pole Replacement Details


Pole #	Town	Nearest Address	Latitude and Longitude		Existing Pole Height (feet)	Existing Pole Material	Replacement Pole Height (feet)	Replacement Pole Material	Pine Barrens Area
79A	Calverton	In ROW West of 709-201 Fresh Pond Ave, Calverton	-72.79221	40.94301	85	Wood	90	Wood	Compatible Growth Area
13.5	East Shoreham	221 N Country Rd, East Shoreham	-72.86347	40.95694	80	Wood	85	Wood	Core Preservation Area
SUB 5	Shoreham	1 N Country Rd, East Shoreham	-72.87971	40.95667	80	Wood	85	Wood	Core Preservation Area



Legend

 LIPA/Public ROW Pole Replacement

Central Pine Barrens Area

 Compatible Growth Area

 Core Preservation Area

Pole #SUB5

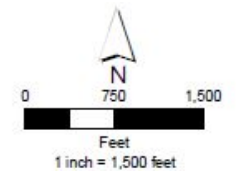
Pole #13.5

Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community



FIGURE 2
LIPA/PUBLIC ROW TRANSMISSION POLE REPLACEMENTS
POLE #S SUB5 & 13.5
CENTRAL PINE BARRENS POLES

Sources: ESRI Web Map Server, 2024; PSEG Spreadsheet "non-LIRR ROW Transmission 2024 Pole Contractor List-edited by DL 2.12.24"



Attachment 1

Photos of Existing Poles



Pole #79A



Pole #SUB 5



Pole #13.5



May 21, 2025

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RE: PSEGLI Transmission Pole Replacements – Three Poles
Central Pine Barrens Compatible Growth Area and Core Preservation Area

Dear Ms. Hepding:

On April 11, 2025, the Central Pine Barrens Commission received materials on the referenced proposal. The submission included a letter, Figures 1 and 2 showing pole locations and photographs of poles in the hamlets of Calverton and Shoreham.

The Proposed Action involves the replacement of three (3) timber utility poles in the Central Pine Barrens Compatible Growth Area and Core Preservation Area.

Existing and new poles are timber and will range in height from 80 to 85 feet. The height of the poles will change no more than five feet above present height to a range of 85 to 90 feet and will not increase more than 6 inches in diameter. Poles will be replaced within five feet from their current locations.

The poles are located in utility corridors or roadside right of ways. The referral material states no trees or shrubs will be removed. After disturbance, a natural seed meadow mix will be applied. The activity is part of the organization's "regular maintenance program to ensure continued safe and reliable electric service," according to the letter.

As proposed, the activity appears to constitute "non-development" pursuant to New York State Environmental Conservation Law Article 57 Section 57-0107.13(ii) which states, "Work by any utility not involving substantial engineering redesign for the purpose of inspection, maintenance or renewal on established utility rights of way or the likes,"... No further review from this office is required.

If the proposed activity changes, including the need to remove trees, please notify this office and forward the updated information for Commission review prior to implementation as the revised project may constitute development.

It is encouraged that, where possible, the new pole heights remain within the heights of surrounding trees to maintain the overall character of the Central Pine Barrens.

Thank you for your attention, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (631) 218-1192.

Sincerely,

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Pine Barrens Manager

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