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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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