



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
696 VIRGINIA ROAD
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01742-2751

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

October 15, 2015

Regulatory Division
CENAE-R-PEC
Permit Number: NAE 2015-1466

New England Power Company
Attn: Josh Holden, Lead Sr. Environmental Engineer
3rd floor, East Wing
40 Sylvan Rd
Waltham, MA 02451-1120

Dear Mr. Holden:

We have reviewed your application to perform work as described in the New Hampshire State Permit, No. 2015-01687 dated "September 28, 2015". The work involves the discharge of fill into approximately 162,566 sq ft (permanently into 48,245 sq ft and temporarily into 114,321 sq ft) of wetlands and waters of the US to relocate the 3315 34.5 kV transmission line from Vermont to an existing right of way in New Hampshire. This work is located in unnamed wetlands and waters of the US in Monroe & Littleton, New Hampshire, as described on the attached plans entitled "NATIONAL GRID REFURBISHMENT PROJECT", and dated "9/11/2015".

Based on our review of the information you provided to the New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau, we have determined that your project will have minor individual or cumulative impacts on waters and/or wetlands. We hereby conditionally authorize your project under the New Hampshire State Programmatic General Permit (NH SPGP, Permit No. 52) pending final concurrence of the Wetland Bureau approval by the Governor & Executive Council (G&C). This work must be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the GP and also in compliance with the following special condition(s):

- 1) To protect the potential presence of any northern long-eared bat maternity roost trees, no trees greater than 3" DBH shall be cut from April 15 - August 31 of any year per the latest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service bat active season determination
- 2) Mitigation shall be provided in the form of an "in-lieu-fee" (ILF) payment into the State of New Hampshire Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) fund in accordance with the terms of Condition No. 2 of the above-referenced Wetlands Bureau permit. Work shall not begin until this payment is made.
- 3) All field work shall be monitored by a project wetland scientist or project engineer daily to assure that mats are placed according to plan.
- 4) No vehicles are traveling or working outside of the mapped route shown on the project plans

- 5) Tracked vehicles are used whenever practical for work operations
- 6) If the permittee, either prior to construction or during construction of the work authorized herein, encounters a previously unidentified archaeological or other cultural resource within the area subject to Corps jurisdiction that might be eligible for listing ”.

You are responsible for complying with all of the GP's requirements. Please review the attached GP carefully, in particular the GP conditions beginning on Page 8, to familiarize yourself with its contents. You should ensure that whoever does the work fully understands the requirements and that a copy of the permit document is at the project site throughout the time the work is underway.

This authorization expires on August 3, 2017, unless the GP is modified, suspended, or revoked. You must commence or have under contract to commence the work authorized herein by August 3, 2017 and complete the work by August 3, 2018. If you do not, you must contact this office to determine the need for further authorization before beginning or continuing the activity. We recommend you contact us *before* this permit expires to discuss a time extension or permit reissuance.

Please note that if for any reason your proposal is vetoed or modified to deviate from that which has been approved by the NHDES on the above date, you must re-submit a complete application to this office for review and processing in accordance with the terms and conditions of the current NH GP.

If you change the plans or construction methods for work within our jurisdiction, please contact us immediately to discuss modification of this authorization. This office must approve any changes before you undertake them.

This authorization requires you to complete and return the enclosed Work Start Notification Form to this office at least two weeks before the anticipated starting date. You must also complete and return the enclosed Compliance Certification Form within one month following the completion of the authorized work.

This authorization presumes that the work as described above and as shown on your plans noted above is in waters of the U.S. Should you desire to appeal our jurisdiction, please submit a request for an approved jurisdictional determination in writing to this office.

This permit does not obviate the need to obtain other Federal, state or local authorizations required by law, as listed on Page 1 of the GP. Performing work not specifically authorized by this determination or failing to comply with any special condition(s) provided above or all the terms and conditions of the GP may subject you to the enforcement provisions of our regulations.

We continually strive to improve our customer service. In order for us to better serve you, we would appreciate your completing our Customer Service Survey located at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey.

Please contact David Keddell, of my staff, at (978) 318-8692 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Frank J. DelGiudice
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Branch
Regulatory Division

Attachments

Copies Furnished:

The State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services, Wetlands Bureau, Attn:
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