

January 29, 2024

Re: Introduction to the Proposed “Southampton to Deerfield Transmission Project”

Dear Neighbor:

PSEG Long Island LLC (or PSEG Long Island), on behalf of and as agent for the Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a LIPA, has identified an important electrical need in your area. We propose to address that need through the Southampton to Deerfield Transmission Project, or SHDF Transmission Project, to increase load capacity and reliability of the electric transmission system in eastern Long Island.

Electric transmission lines play a crucial role in our power grid by carrying high-voltage power from generation sources to the substations that serve our communities with lower-voltage electricity. In order to reinforce LIPA's electric transmission system in the South Fork area, a new 138-kilovolt underground transmission line connecting the existing Southampton Substation (located in the Village of Southampton at the intersection of North Sea Road and West Prospect Street) and the existing Deerfield Substation (located in the Hamlet of Watermill on Water Mill Towd Road) is necessary.

The new transmission line will make the system more resilient and will improve redundancy, which is vital to the long-term reliability of the energy grid. The SHDF Transmission Project is required to be completed by 2028 for PSEG Long Island to continue to maintain a safe, robust, and reliable system, and meet present and future electrical needs.

Transmission lines can be installed on overhead towers or underground. After studying the area, we have determined that underground lines would be more appropriate for the SHDF Transmission Project. This is partly due to engineering design limitations present in the area, and partly due to our goals of minimizing impact to the environment and avoiding the creation of new rights-of-way for power infrastructure. To the maximum extent possible, the SHDF Transmission Project will be constructed within public streets and along existing municipal rights-of-way. Construction of the SHDF Transmission Project will be performed with the intent of minimizing impact to residents and travelers in the area to the extent practicable. Throughout construction, access to businesses and residences along the Project route will be maintained.

As part of the permitting process for the SHDF Transmission Project, PSEG Long Island is consulting with Suffolk County, the Town of Southampton, and the Village of Southampton, and pursuing State approval in the form of a “Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need” from the New York State Public Service Commission. PSEG Long Island is also consulting with the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation and the New York State Department of Transportation.

We want you to understand the nature of this project and its importance to your community. Along with this letter, we have included a fact sheet that gives details about the SHDF Transmission Project and provides ways to communicate with us directly if you have further questions. We have also created a SHDF Transmission Project website (www.southampton2deerfield.com) and email address (info@southampton2deerfield.com) if you prefer to learn more via your computer or smart phone. We can also be reached by voice or text through our project hotline (631-237-7196).

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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