

**Summary of the Syosset to Oakwood
Project Joint Proposal
(Case 25-T-0241)**

Background

On April 15, 2025 and subsequently, PSEG Long Island LLC on behalf of and as agent for the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”) f/k/a Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a Long Island Power Authority (“PSEG” or “Applicant”), filed application documents (collectively, the “Application”) in Case 25-T-0241 seeking an Article VII Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for a project called the “Syosset to Oakwood Project” (“Project”). The Project is comprised of: (i) the construction, operation and maintenance of a new approximately 2.8-mile 138 kV underground electric transmission line primarily within public roadway rights-of-way (“ROW”) between the LIPA-owned Woodbury Tap in the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, and the LIPA-owned Oakwood Substation in the Town of Huntington, Suffolk County; (ii) the installation of new riser and transmission poles at the Woodbury Tap; (iii) the installation of new facilities at the Oakwood Substation on LIPA-owned property to the north of the current substation facilities; and (iv) modifications to portions of existing Lines 138-675 and 138-676 located between the Woodbury Tap and Oakwood Substation.

The Project is one component of the portfolio of projects selected by the New York Independent System Operator to satisfy the Commission-declared Long Island Offshore Wind Export Public Policy Transmission Need. The Project will increase the capacity of LIPA’s existing Lines 138-675 and 138-676 between the Woodbury Tap and Oakwood Substation to increase transmission capacity on Long Island by increasing the rating of these two existing lines, allowing better use of existing capacity to improve system efficiency. The Project also will assist the State in achieving the CLCPA clean energy and environmental goals.

The Project would be constructed underground in municipal public roadway ROW within which LIPA holds utility franchise rights, and above ground within existing LIPA-owned properties. Except for a short distance access road on private property and temporary rights to establish marshalling yards during construction, the Applicant does not anticipate a need to acquire property rights for the Project.

Joint Proposal

Following extensive settlement negotiations with several settlement participants, PSEG filed a Joint Proposal dated May 29, 2026 in this case. The Joint Proposal, which includes five appendices, was signed by PSEG, Staff of the New York State Department of Public Service designated to represent the public interest in this proceeding (“DPS Staff”); the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (“NYSDEC”); and the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets (“NYSAGM”) (collectively, the “Signatory Parties).

The Joint Proposal includes numerous proposed ordering clauses that the Signatory Parties recommend the Commission adopt. These are located in Joint Proposal Appendix D. Most of the clauses are standard Article VII Joint Proposal clauses that would impose stringent requirements on the Applicant to address important concerns such as public notice, health and safety, the contents of the Environmental Management and Construction Plan (“EM&CP”), ROW restoration, and protection of environmental resources. As a result of the settlement negotiations among the Signatory Parties, the Joint Proposal also includes several Project-specific environmental protection provisions; however, the settlement negotiations did not result in any material changes to the design or location of the Project as proposed in the Application.

Project-Specific Environmental Protection Provisions

While the Joint Proposal (including its Appendices) reflects the agreement of the Signatory Parties that the overall environmental impacts of the Project are expected to be minimal and generally limited to temporary, construction-related disturbances, it would impose certain Project-specific environmental resource avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures, including:

- Blasting will not be used for construction of the Project.
- No aquatic pesticides will be applied on the ROW; for all other pesticides/herbicides, PSEG shall ensure that all applicable NYSDEC applicator license(s) are secured and that the pesticide/herbicide will be applied consistent with its label.
- Marshalling yards will not be sited within threatened and endangered species (“T&E”) habitat, wetlands or state regulated wetland adjacent areas, or within fifty feet of waterbodies or streams.
- Because the Project is largely comprised of underground facilities and the only above ground components are limited to transmission structures on LIPA property and roadway manhole covers, visibility from public view would be minimized.
- Limited vegetation clearing necessary along the roadways and on LIPA’s property will be performed in accordance with applicable Federal and State requirements to eliminate impacts to protected habitats or T&E species or species of special concern.
- Specific time of year and distance limitations as well as other requirements are set forth in Appendix D to avoid impacts to the Northern Long-Eared Bat and its habitat during Project pre-construction and construction activities. If NYSDEC determines that a take of occupied habitat or individuals of NLEB has occurred, PSEG will develop a Net Conservation Benefit Plan meeting applicable standards.
- Consultations with appropriate Federal and State agencies will occur if the Tri-Colored Bat is designated as a listed Endangered Species, to confirm the Joint Proposal avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures are compliant with applicable law.
- NYSDEC and DPS Staff will be notified of any observations of T&E species and Project activities in the area of observation will cease unless such activities are required for protection of human life or property necessary to maintain electric reliability.
- Visual inspections and agency consultations for the presence of bald eagles will be conducted prior to construction. To avoid impacts to bald eagles and their nests, restrictions on certain construction and other activities during the breeding and nonbreeding seasons are set forth in Appendix D.
- Although the Project does not traverse any designated New York Agricultural Districts, it is adjacent to two parcels within Suffolk County District 3 and therefore measures consistent with then current NYSAGM published guidelines will be implemented in those areas.
- Construction, operation or maintenance activities will be performed in accordance with Appendix D in a manner that avoids and minimizes adverse impacts to streams, waterbodies, wetlands, and adjacent areas associated with any State-regulated wetland.
- In light of a recent court order annulling the freshwater wetland regulations enacted in 2025, during the EM&CP phase NYSDEC will be consulted to determine if a new wetland jurisdiction determination for the Project will be required based on the then-effective regulations.
- Construction activities will not occur on July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, December 25, or New Year’s Day.
- Specific Project activities (such as splicing to allow for clean work environments) are required to be performed continuously and thus will occur outside of the standard Monday to Saturday 7am to 7pm construction period, including during overnight hours. Overnight work and other construction requirements to reduce Project impacts, as specified by the municipalities having jurisdiction over the roadways where the Project would be located, will be set forth in the EM&CP.