

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
 Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office

Environmental Notification Form

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EEA#: 15927

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The information requested on this form must be completed in order to submit a document electronically for review under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: New Salem Broadband Fiber Installation Project		
Street Address: Michael Lane + North Spectacle Pond Road		
Municipality: New Salem	Watershed: Chicopee	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:	Latitude: 42.54266N; 42.52713N Longitude: 72.28654W; 72.27746W	
Estimated commencement date: 12/2011	Estimated completion date: 12/2019	
Project Type: Utilities	Status of project design: 100% complete	
Proponent: New Salem Municipal Light Plant/Town of New Salem		
Street Address: 19 South Main Street		
Municipality: New Salem	State: MA	Zip Code: 01355
Name of Contact Person: MaryEllen Kennedy		
Firm/Agency: New Salem Municipal Light Plant	Street Address: 19 South Main Street	
Municipality: New Salem	State: MA	Zip Code: 01355
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Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No

If this is an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (ENF) (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) or a Notice of Project Change (NPC), are you requesting:

a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes No
 a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09) Yes No
 a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No
 a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No
 (Note: Greenhouse Gas Emissions analysis must be included in the Expanded ENF.)

Which MEPA review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
Land Threshold (1(b)3).
 Which State Agency Permits will the project require?
 DCR/DCAM
 Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an Agency of the Commonwealth, including the Agency name and the amount of funding or land area in acres:
 EOHED: \$750,000.00; DCR/DCAM-easement – amount undetermined

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total
LAND			
Total site acreage	1.5		
New acres of land altered		1.5	
Acres of impervious area	-0-	-0-	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		-0-	
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		-0-	
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		-0-	
STRUCTURES			
Gross square footage	30 ft.2		
Number of housing units	-0-		
Maximum height (feet)	40 ft.		
TRANSPORTATION			
Vehicle trips per day	-0-		
Parking spaces	-0-		
WASTEWATER			
Water Use (Gallons per day)	-0-		
Water withdrawal (GPD)	-0-		
Wastewater generation/treatment (GPD)	-0-		
Length of water mains (miles)	-0-		
Length of sewer mains (miles)	-0-		
Has this project been filed with MEPA before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (EEA # _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XNo			
Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (EEA # _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> XNo			

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION – all proponents must fill out this section

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Describe the existing conditions and land uses on the project site: The sites are currently the areas of and adjacent to the travelled ways across state-owned land.

Describe the proposed project and its programmatic and physical elements: The proposed work involves the installation of utility poles, and tree removal and trimming to install an overhead fiber optic cable.

NOTE: The project description should summarize both the project's direct and indirect impacts (including construction period impacts) in terms of their magnitude, geographic extent, duration and frequency, and reversibility, as applicable. It should also discuss the infrastructure requirements of the project and the capacity of the municipal and/or regional infrastructure to sustain these requirements into the future.

Describe the on-site project alternatives (and alternative off-site locations, if applicable), considered by the proponent, including at least one feasible alternative that is allowed under current zoning, and the reasons(s) that they were not selected as the preferred alternative:

See attached Supplemental ENF Information Letter (10/8/18).

NOTE: The purpose of the alternatives analysis is to consider what effect changing the parameters and/or siting of a project, or components thereof, will have on the environment, keeping in mind that the objective of the MEPA review process is to avoid or minimize damage to the environment to the greatest extent feasible. Examples of alternative projects include alternative site locations, alternative site uses, and alternative site configurations.

Summarize the mitigation measures proposed to offset the impacts of the preferred alternative: Monetary Compensation to State for easement

If the project is proposed to be constructed in phases, please describe each phase:

NA

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN:

Is the project within or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

- Yes (Specify _____)
 No

If yes, does the ACEC have an approved Resource Management Plan? ___ Yes ___ No;

If yes, describe how the project complies with this plan.

Will there be stormwater runoff or discharge to the designated ACEC? ___ Yes ___X_ No;

If yes, describe and assess the potential impacts of such stormwater runoff/discharge to the designated ACEC.

RARE SPECIES:

Does the project site include Estimated and/or Priority Habitat of State-Listed Rare Species? (see http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/regulatory_review/priority_habitat/priority_habitat_home.htm)

- Yes (Specify near but not within) No

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:

Does the project site include any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

- Yes (Specify _____) No