

To: Environmental Monitor (MEPA@mass.gov)

Date: June 28, 2021

Regarding: Notification of filing a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the N12 and M13 115kV Electric Transmission Lines Reconductoring and Refurbishment Project

Project Location: Fall River, MA

Anticipated date of submission: June 28, 2021

An application for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the N12 and M13 115kV Electric Transmission Lines Reconductoring and Refurbishment Project has been submitted by the New England Power Company (NEP). The transmission line maintenance and refurbishment project will consist of the replacement of eleven (11) existing wood pole structures with galvanized steel pole structures and the reconductoring of the existing overhead conductors (wires) along approximately 1.75 miles of existing transmission line rights-of-way (ROW) in Fall River, Massachusetts. Project activities will necessitate temporary placement of timber construction mats within freshwater wetlands, including Outstanding Resource Waters (in the watershed of North Watuppa Pond), to facilitate access and work pads. No permanent fills of wetlands or waterways are proposed.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Jamie Durand of POWER Engineers Consulting, Inc. by mail at 2 Hampshire Street, Suite 301 Foxborough, Massachusetts 02035, by email at jamie.durand@powereng.com, or by phone at (401) 439-3020.

Written comments should be sent within twenty-one business days of this Notice to:

MassDEP Southeast Regional Office
Division of Wetlands and Waterways
20 Riverside Drive
Lakeville, MA 02347

Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.