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TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, Executive Director

FROM: Richard Weber, Deputy Director-Regulatory Programs

DATE: May 3, 2017

RE: General Permit 2017G-1; Access to and Replacement of Utility Poles in Wetlands

Please find attached the above-referenced, proposed general permit, GP 2017-G1 and a draft resolution. Pursuant to 9 NYCRR § 572.23, staff seek Agency authorization to provide notice and opportunity for public comment on the proposed general permit. After the close of the 30-day public comment period, staff anticipate recommending the proposed general permit, with any changes in response to public comment, to the Agency for approval at its July [or August] 2017 meeting.

The proposed general permit will allow regional and municipal utility companies to access and replace utility poles located in wetlands on lands or rights of way owned by the utility company. There will be no increase in the number of utility poles allowed under this permit.

Agency General Permit 2017G-1 is a renewal of Agency General Permit 2014G-2, approved by the Agency in April 2014. No material changes are proposed in the renewal of GP2014G-2. Based on the successful implementation of the general permit in the last three years, the three year expiration date was eliminated.

Pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(26), the renewal of a permit with no material change to the permit constitutes a Type 2 action for purposes of complying with the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQR"). Therefore, no SEQR documentation is required.

If the Agency authorizes staff to seek public comment on the proposed general permit at the May 2017 meeting, staff will proceed to provide public notice of the proposed general permit and opportunity for public comment as required by 9 NYCRR § 572.23, as well as through the Agency's website.

Attachments