



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

April 9, 2020

Eversource Energy  
Attn: Jeremy Fennell  
13 Legends Drive  
Hooksett, New Hampshire 03106

RE: L163/X104 Transmission Line Structure Replacement Project  
Keene, Stoddard, and Antrim NH

**Permit: AoT-1785**

Dear Applicant:

Based upon the plans and application, approved on April 9, 2020, we are hereby issuing RSA 485-A:17 Alteration of Terrain Permit AoT-1785. As part of the processing of this application, DES granted approval to waiving specific requirements of: Env-Wq 1504.09, finding that the development of a stormwater drainage report, and associated drainage area plans and hydrologic soil group plans was not warranted given the scope of the project and its linear nature. It was further determined that granting the waiver would not have an adverse impact on the environment, public health, public safety, or abutting properties, and that granting the request is consistent with the intent and purpose of the rule waived. Additional documentation relative to the waiver requested is contained within the file. This permit is subject to the following conditions:

**PROJECT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:**

1. Plans by GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. entitled "L163 Transmission Line 2020 Structure Replacement Project", dated January 21, 2020, and supporting documentation in the permit file are a part of this approval.
2. **This permit expires on April 9, 2025.** No earth moving activities shall occur on the project after this expiration date unless the permit has been extended by the Department. If an extension is required, the request must be received by the department before the permit expires. The Amendment Request form is available at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/aot/categories/forms.htm>
3. The Permittee shall comply with all recommendations by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department related to state or federally listed threatened or endangered species that are incorporated into the project plans.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

1. Activities shall not cause or contribute to any violations of the surface water quality standards established in Administrative Rule Env-Wq 1700.
2. You must submit revised plans for permit amendment prior to any changes in construction details or sequences. You must notify the Department in writing within ten days of a change in ownership.
3. You must notify the Department in writing prior to the start of construction and upon completion of construction. Forms can be submitted electronically at: <https://forms.nh.gov/onlineforms/>. Paper forms are available at that same web page or at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/aot/categories/forms.htm>.
4. This permit does not relieve the applicant from the obligation to obtain other local, state or federal permits that may be required (e.g., from US EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers, etc.). Projects disturbing over 1 acre may require a federal stormwater permit from EPA. Information regarding this permitting process can be obtained at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/stormwater/construction.htm>.

[www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov)

29 Hazen Drive • PO Box 95 • Concord, NH 03302-0095  
(603) 271-3503 • Fax: 271-2867 TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

5. **Upon completion of construction, a written notice signed by the permit holder and a qualified engineer shall be submitted to the Department, in accordance with Env-Wq 1503.21(c)(1), stating that the project was completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications.** If deviations were made, the permit holder shall review the requirements in Env-Wq 1503.21(c)(2).
6. No activity shall occur in wetland areas until the applicable permit is obtained from the Department. Issuance of this permit does not obligate the Department to approve a Wetlands Permit for this project
7. This project has been screened for potential impact to known occurrences of protected species and exemplary natural communities in the immediate area. Since many areas have never been surveyed, or only cursory surveys have been performed, unidentified sensitive species or communities may be present. This permit does not absolve the permittee from due diligence in regard to state, local or federal laws regarding such communities or species. This permit does not authorize in any way the take of threatened or endangered species, as defined by RSA 212-A:2, or of any protected species or exemplary natural communities, as defined in RSA 217-A:3.

Sincerely,



Ridgely Mauck, P.E.  
Alteration of Terrain Bureau

cc: Antrim Planning Board  
Deerfield Planning Board  
Stoddard Planning Board

ec: GZA GeoEnvironmental  
NH Fish & Game Department  
NHDES Rivers Program  
Ashuelot River Advisory Committee  
Contoocook and North Branch Rivers Advisory Committee