

AUGUST 27, 2026

Hingham Conservation Commission
Attn: Shannon Palmer, Conservation Officer
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

RE: **Minor Plan Modification for DEP File#034-1564**
90 and 90A Industrial Park Road
Hingham, Massachusetts

Dear Members of the Commission,

BSC Group, Inc. (BSC) is pleased to submit this request for a minor plan modification associated with the property at 90 and 90A Industrial Park Road, in Hingham, MA (the "Site") on behalf of the Massachusetts Electric Company (MECO), the Applicant. The project as approved under DEP File#034-1564 involved the after-the-fact permitting of 5 (five) utility poles and a perimeter fence to establish a temporary laydown yard to support a regional utility project. However, the needs of this regional project have changed, which has eliminated the need for this temporary laydown yard. As such, the permitted fence and the utility poles will be fully removed from the site. The sections below provide information regarding the proposed activities and resource area avoidance and mitigation measures.

Construction Methods and Proposed Mitigation Techniques

MECO has established procedures that are followed by all employees accessing and performing construction and maintenance activities on transmission and distribution ROWs, and adjacent properties. These procedures, discussed in National Grid's Environmental Guidance for ROW Access, Maintenance and Construction Best Management Practices (EG-303NE), ensure that MECO's projects are completed in accordance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations as well as company policies and compliance objectives. This maintenance project, involving the removal of the fence and utility poles will be completed following EG-303NE as appropriate and below are some of the conventional construction techniques that will be deployed:

Construction Access, Staging, and Removal Activities

Existing upland access driveways and paved areas will be used to access the work areas. Access to the fence posts and utility poles will take place from the paved lot. No vehicle access to the utility poles is proposed, these will only be accessed from the edge of pavement or by foot. Disturbance to previously undisturbed areas is not anticipated.

Equipment will be staged along the edge of the paved area to remove the fence posts, placing the fence posts on the paved areas or directly into a dumpster, which will be removed from the Site. Following the fence post removal and backfilling of the fence support post holes, all utility poles and their overhead equipment will be removed from the Site. Utility poles will be fully removed from the ground, and the hole will be backfilled with compatible soil.

Erosion and Sediment Control

NEP Construction Supervision personnel and Contractor Construction Supervision personnel shall ensure that all necessary sediment and erosion control devices and BMPs have been installed or are ready for use before any ground disturbance occurs. In general, sediment control devices will be placed between the staging and equipment access

areas and environmentally sensitive natural resource areas. Existing sediment controls on the Site that are still in good condition may be utilized for this effort and shifted as appropriate to encompass the work/access areas.

Vehicle and Equipment Refueling and Maintenance

No vehicle maintenance or equipment refueling is anticipated. However, to prevent impacts from hazardous materials, if refueling of equipment is necessary within the 100-ft Buffer Zone, spill prevention BMPs and spill kits will be utilized. Maintenance of equipment will not be conducted inside the 100-ft Buffer Zone. Refueling precautions will include frequent checks for fuel spills, drips or seeps during the refueling operation. Vehicles are also equipped with spill kits to provide immediate response action, if needed. If it is not feasible to move equipment to a suitable area, special precautions will be employed to prevent oil or hazardous material release to the environment. These precautions include, but are not limited to, deployment of portable basins or similar secondary containment devices and use of ground covers such as plastic tarpaulins.

Restoration

Any area within buffer zones where temporary disturbance occurs will be stabilized and restored to pre-construction conditions to the extent practicable. Disturbed areas will be restored to an even grade and be seeded with an appropriate conservation seed mixture and/or mulched and allowed to re-vegetate. All construction materials, excess soil, and removed fence posts and utility pole components will be removed from the Site upon completion of work.

Conclusion

We respectfully request a minor modification of the approved plan associated with the OOC under DEP File#034-1564 to include the removal of the fence, utility poles, and all equipment associated with these structures. All areas within the jurisdiction of the Hingham Conservation Commission and the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) will be restored following the removal activities. Additionally, the approved Site restoration, mitigation planting area, and knotweed removal will be conducted under the Enforcement Order issued to this Site within an appropriate season, following the proposed fence post and utility pole removal work.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please contact me at 617-896-4584 or via email at hraddatz@bscgroup.com or Erin Cahill at 774-364-3445 or erin.whoriskey@nationalgrid.com. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Truly yours,



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