

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 16-M-0692 - Petition of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for Approval to Lease Space within Several Different New York State Electric & Gas Corporation Facilities.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
(Negative Declaration)

(Issued June 19, 2017)

NOTICE is hereby given that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared in connection with the approval by the Public Service Commission (the Commission) for the proposed facility leases by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG or the Company) to: South Putnam Animal Hospital (SPAHA) located at 230 Baldwin Place Rd., Mahopac, NY; NYSARC, Inc., Putnam County Chapter (NYSARC) located at 31 International Blvd., Brewster, NY; James Nunciato located at 26 Court Street, Cortland, NY; Hemisphere Communications Inc. (Hemisphere) located at 5655 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY; Cooperstown Optical, LLC located at NYS Route 28, Cooperstown, NY; and, Delaware County Social Services (DCSS) located at 34440 Rt. 10, Hamden, NY (collectively, the Properties).

The Commission has reviewed NYSEG's petition to continue to lease the Properties and made a determination that the proposed action, approval of leases, is an Unlisted action, as defined in 6 NYCRR Part 617.2(ak), because the action does not rise to the level of a Type I action and is not listed on the Commission's list of Type II activities (16 NYCRR §7.2) or those found at 6 NYCRR §617.5. As required by SEQRA, NYSEG submitted Part 1 of a Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) for each property on December 1, 2016 with its petition.

During the Commission's review of the EAFs, the supporting information provided and the record, issues at the

facilities were identified and required additional review. The facilities leased to SPAH, NYSARC, Hemisphere, Cooperstown Optical, LLC, and DCSS contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state, or local agency. The facilities leased to NYSARC and James Nunciato contain species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered. The facilities leased to James Nunciato, Hemisphere, Cooperstown Optical, LLC, and DCSS are located in an archeological sensitive areas. The facilities leased to Hemisphere and Cooperstown Optical, LLC are located within the 100 year flood plains.

Based on the review of the EAFs, the supporting information provided and the record, the Commission finds that the proposed Unlisted action will not create any disturbance that could result in impacts to: wetlands or waterbodies regulated by federal, state, or local agencies; animals and/or their associated habitats listed as threatened or endangered species by State or Federal government; archaeological sensitive areas; and/or allow new or critical infrastructure to be built in the 100 year flood plains since any future changes to these Properties are expected to occur within the existing facilities.

The address of the Public Service Commission, the Lead Agency for the purposes of the environmental quality review of this project, is Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Questions may be directed to Sandra Hart (sandra.hart@dps.ny.gov) at (518) 473-7952 or by writing to the address above.

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Secretary