

**Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.**

**M29 Transmission Line Project**

**Appendix A**

**Agency Correspondence**

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Fish, Wildlife & Marine Resources**

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May 23, 2006

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Dear Mr. Wolfgang:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program databases with respect to an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Underground 10-mile Transmission Feeder Project M-29, area as indicated on the map you provided, located in Yonkers, Bronx and NY Counties.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, significant natural communities, and other significant habitats, which our databases indicate occur, or may occur, on your site or in the immediate vicinity of your site. The information contained in this report is considered sensitive and may not be released to the public without permission from the New York Natural Heritage Program.

This project location is adjacent to a designated Significant Coastal Fish and Wildlife Habitat. This habitat is part of New York State's Coastal Management Program (CMP), which is administered by the NYS Department of State (DOS). Projects which may impact the habitat are reviewed by DOS for consistency with the CMP. For more information regarding this designated habitat and applicable consistency review requirements, please contact:

Jeff Zappieri or Vance Barr - (518) 474-6000  
NYS Department of State  
Division of Coastal Resources and Waterfront Revitalization  
41 State Street, Albany, NY 12231

The presence of rare species may result in your project requiring additional permits, permit conditions, or review. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the appropriate NYS DEC Regional Office, Division of Environmental Permits, at the enclosed address.

For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our databases. We cannot provide a definitive statement on the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. This information should NOT be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environmental impact assessment.

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Conrad  
Information Services  
NY Natural Heritage Program

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cc: Reg. 2, and 3, Wildlife Mgr.  
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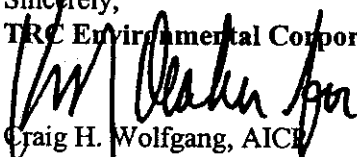
**Subject: Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.  
Proposed 345 kV High-Pressure Fluid-Filled Underground Transmission Feeder  
City of Yonkers, Westchester County, and City of New York, Bronx County and  
New York County**

Dear Ms. Ketcham:

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) proposes to construct an approximately 10-mile, 345 kV high pressure fluid-filled (HPFF) underground transmission feeder in the City of Yonkers, Westchester County and the City of New York in both Bronx County and New York County. In addition to the proposed underground transmission line, new 345 kV circuit breakers and associated equipment are proposed to be installed at Con Edison's existing Sprain Brook Substation, which is located at the northern terminus of the proposed transmission line within the City of Yonkers. At the southern terminus of the proposed line, new equipment, including 345 kV circuit breakers, 345/138 kV autotransformers, and 138 kV phase angle regulators, is proposed for installation in Con Edison's new Academy Substation in Upper Manhattan. For the majority of the route, the line will be installed within public road rights-of-way, except for when the line is installed under the Harlem River through directional boring.

TRC Environmental, as Con Edison's environmental consultants, would like to request the input of the New York Natural Heritage Program regarding potential impacts on any ecologically significant areas and/or federal or state species of concern known to exist within the project area. The requested information is for the purpose of environmental review in accordance with Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law.

Please find enclosed a site location map depicting the approximately 10-mile route of the proposed 345 kV HPFF pipe-type underground transmission feeder and associated substation improvements. Please review the project locations for the presence of trustee resources of concern to the Natural Heritage. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have also been contacted. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (201) 933-5541 ext. 113. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,  
TRC Environmental Corporation  
  
Craig H. Wolfgang, AICP  
Project Manager

Enclosures

cc: Peter Chan, Con Edison (w/attachment)  
Jeff Riback, Con Edison (w/attachment)  
Peter Garam, Con Edison (w/attachment)  
Sophia Garcia, Con Edison (w/attachment)



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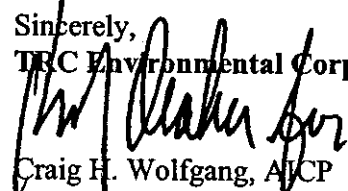
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