



**Department of
Transportation**

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Chief David Darling
Catskill Police Department
422 Main Street
Catskill, NY 12414

**RE: NYSDOT MUNICIPALITY PARTNERSHIP
DARK SIGNAL INITIATIVE**

Dear Chief David Darling:

Generator Transfer Switches have been installed at all NYSDOT maintained 3-color traffic signals along NYS highways in your Town. During power outages, the local police department typically directs traffic when the signal is dark, which places the officer in harm's way and takes the officer away from other important police related duties. The generator transfer switches were installed to avoid this situation by allowing minimal disruption to a signal's operation by running a dark signal on a gas-powered generator safely on the side of the road. Such generators would be the Town's responsibility to provide, store and maintain. Generators used to supply power to NYSDOT's signals shall be designed to produce 120 volts AC at 60 Hz from a non-GFCI outlet.

At present, we have agreements statewide with several municipalities to install a generator during power outages. If you agree, attached you will find a Highway Work Permit application (form PERM 33). Please complete the portion at the top of the Highway Work Permit application that includes name, address, and contact information. Then please sign and date the section at the bottom noted for applicant signature. Also required is one of the two proofs of insurance listed below:

1. Insurance Undertaking (Perm 1 – Attached) or
2. ACORD 25 Certificate of Insurance **AND** ACORD 855 New York Construction Certificate of Liability Insurance Addendum

If you submit the Undertaking, we will keep it on file here and the Town will not be required to send another for future highway permit requests. If you submit the ACORD 25 and ACORD 855, new forms must be provided by the Town for each future highway work permit application.

Once we receive your completed Non-utility Highway Work Permit application and one of the two insurance items listed above, we'll have the permit executed and forward you a copy. The highway work permit fee will be waived. We will then contact you to arrange for a demonstration for safe operation of generator install on a dark signal per Traffic Safety & Mobility Instruction 21-03 Operation of Generator Backup Power at State Owned/Maintained Traffic Signals. The municipality should contact the R1 Traffic Signal Maintenance Shop at 518-237-3954 with any traffic signal related problems upon switch over to grid power. Please contact Mike Fenley at 518-457-4745 with any other questions regarding this agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pyskadlo", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mark Pyskadlo, PE, PTOE
Regional Traffic Engineer

cc: S. Shepard, Greene Co. Residency
Supervisor D. Finch, Town of Catskill