

NEW TABLE 2

**Table 2 - Comparative Ranking Criteria**

Physical or Environmental Parameters	Low	Medium	High
Length of Route(s) (miles)	0-108.0	108.1-167.0	167.1+
New ROW (miles / acres)	0-8.0 / 0-100.0	8.1-15.7 / 100.1-193.0	15.8+ / 193.1+
Expansion of Existing ROW (miles / acres)	0-57.0 / 0-568.0	57.1-124.0 / 568.1-1,094.0	124.1+ / 1,094.1+
Total New ROW and Expanded ROW (miles / acres)	0-65.2 / 0-649.0	65.3-135.8 / 649.1-1,240.0	135.9 / 1,240.1+
Major River Corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•No new crossings</li> <li>•Reconductoring on existing structures</li> <li>•Bridge attachment crossings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•In-kind replacement of existing structures</li> <li>•New structures entirely within existing ROW</li> <li>•HDD crossings of Hudson River at Roseton and at or near Schodack Island</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•New crossings at new locations or where forest clearing is required</li> <li>•HDD crossings of Hudson River at Athens-Greenport or Lloyd-Poughkeepsie</li> </ul>
S-NRHP Crossed or Within 1 Mile	0-22	23-48	49+
Distance Crossing NWI Wetlands (miles)	0-4.0	4.1-5.6	5.7+
Regulated Streams Crossed by ROW	0-106	107-181	182+
Distance Crossing 100-YR Floodplains (miles)	0-4.5	4.6-9.0	9.1+
Length of ROW in Ag. Districts (miles)	0-22.0	22.1-41.0	41.1+
Forested Wetlands (acres)	0-79.0	79.1-169.0	169.1+
Total Forest (acres)	0-380.0	380.1-972.0	972.1+
Residences Within 1-250 Feet	0-110	111-276	277+
Overall Noise Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Limited tree clearing, short length of route, limited number of new structures and/or lower number of residences within 250' from ROW.</li> <li>•Limited number of substations to be built or upgraded or with new noise sources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Moderate tree clearing, moderate length of route, moderate number of new structures and/or moderate number of residences within 250' from ROW.</li> <li>•Moderate number of substations to be built or upgraded or with new noise sources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•High amount of tree clearing, long length of route, high number of new structures and/or high number of residences within 250' from ROW.</li> <li>•High number of substations to be built or upgraded or with new noise sources.</li> </ul>
Visual Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Reconductoring</li> <li>•Removal of facilities</li> <li>•Low number of residences adjacent to ROW</li> <li>•Limited tree clearing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Facilities proposed within existing ROW</li> <li>•Moderate number of residences and/or visual resources near ROW</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•New ROW development</li> <li>•Expansion of existing ROW</li> <li>•New clearing</li> <li>•Large number of residences and/or visual resources near ROW</li> </ul>

*NOTE: The rankings were established by calculating the average (mean) for each measurable factor. The medium rank ranges represent half of a standard deviation on either side of the calculated mean. Low rankings were assigned to values less than the medium rank range and high rankings were assigned to values greater than the medium rank range.*