

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 13-E-0488 - In the Matter of Alternating Current  
Transmission Upgrades - Comparative Proceeding.

RULING CONCERNING SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION  
OF PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS

(Issued March 18, 2014)

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Administrative Law Judges:

During the conference call we conducted on February 27, 2014, current applicants Boundless Energy NE, NextEra Energy Transmission New York, North America Transmission, and the New York Transmission Owners all expressed an interest in submitting alternative proposals for Energy Highway related transmission projects pursuant to the Commission's invitation in its February 21, 2014 order.<sup>1</sup> To facilitate their preparation of those applications, the applicants made three general requests, namely:

- That they be provided sufficient information to permit them to understand fully the process by which the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) will evaluate the incremental power transfer capability of the applications;
- That a thorough community outreach and education effort be conducted encompassing potentially affected municipalities and localities prior to the filing of applications; and
- That the application requirements and criteria for their evaluation be as fully and specifically spelled out as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> Case 13-E-0488, In the Matter of Alternating Current Transmission Upgrades - Comparative Proceeding (issued February 21, 2014).

With respect to the NYISO process, we have scheduled a technical conference for March 19, 2014, through which we hope, and expect, that most outstanding questions can be answered. To the extent follow-up is required, we will arrange for it.

A thorough community outreach and education effort will be undertaken in time for the feedback received by applicants to be taken into account in preparing their applications. To ensure full coverage of affected communities, minimize confusion, and avoid duplication of effort, this program will be coordinated by the Commission's Office of Consumer Policy.

Necessarily, however, no such outreach effort is possible until the potentially affected communities are known. This requires at least a preliminary project proposal. Therefore, we will require interested applicants to file such proposals providing information comparable in scope to that which was incorporated in statements of intent filed in Case 12-T-0502.<sup>2</sup> The applicants are directed to confer among themselves and attempt to agree on a date by which such proposals will be submitted. On or before Wednesday, March 26, 2014, they are to advise us of the date agreed upon or, if they cannot reach agreement, to submit their individual proposed schedules with supporting rationales.

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<sup>2</sup> Case 12-T-0502, supra, Order Instituting Proceeding (issued November 30, 2012).

Any changes in the application requirements from those set forth in the Commission's September 19, 2013, order<sup>3</sup>, and any elaboration or clarification of evaluation criteria will be discussed in a future issuance.

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<sup>3</sup> Case 12-T-0502, supra, Order Adopting Additional Procedures and Rule Changes for Review of Multiple Projects Under Article VII of the Public Service Law, (issued September 19, 2013).