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Re: Cases 12-T-0502, 13-E-0488, 13-T-0454, 13-T-0455, 13-T-0456,
13-M-0457 and 13-T-0461, AC Transmission Proceedings

To All Parties:

There have been several requests for extension of certain filing deadlines set forth in the Commission's *Order Establishing Modified Procedures for Comparative Evaluations* in these proceedings.¹ Requests for extension were made by North America Transmission, LLC and North America Transmission Corporation (NAT); Boundless Energy NE, LLC (Boundless); New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC); and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., and the Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (collectively, Indicated Transmission Owners).

NAT requests an extension of the January 19, 2015 deadline until March 2, 2015 and also requests that electronic submittals be permitted with hard copies to follow in seven days. The company cited delay in approval of the August 13, 2014 Advisory Staff Recommendation, the scope of the filings, additional filing requirements, winter holidays and the inability to comply with publication requirements, as required by 85-2.10, as reasons to extend the deadline. Boundless supports NAT's requests and asks that Boundless receive the same extension, if granted.

In response to the request filed by NAT and supported by Boundless, DEC requests that commensurate adjustments ought to be made to the rest of the reschedule to accommodate notice and comment opportunities should NAT's request be granted.

¹ Case 12-T-0502, et al, *Order Establishing Modified Procedures for Comparative Evaluations*, issued December 16, 2014.

Indicated Transmission Owners requested an extension of the January 7, 2015 deadline to January 16, 2015, citing a short time frame and intervening holidays. They also requested a phased extension of the January 19, 2015 deadline to January 30, 2015 for some materials and February 28, 2015, for other materials, explaining that more time will ensure that the voluminous and complex information requested will be as accurate and complete as possible without causing significant delay.

First, Indicated Transmission Owners' request is granted in part and denied in part. It is critical that the Commission's schedule be adhered to as closely as possible. Therefore, the January 7 filing deadline will not be extended. With respect to the request by Indicated Transmission Owners, NAT and Boundless to extend the January 19 deadline, I will bifurcate the filing requirements, which are set forth in the chart below, as follows. First, the information that is required by Order Appendix D, Pages 1-5, which was included in Staff's recommendations that were issued for comment several months ago,² will be due on January 20. A one-day adjustment is made to account for the holiday on January 19th. The information that is required by Order Appendix D, Pages 6-10, and the detailed cost information described in the Order at Pages 42-45 is new. Therefore, this information will be due on March 2, 2015. It is noted that the binding estimate required to be filed on January 7, 2015 is unchanged. While the detailed breakdown of the costs is not due until March 2, 2015, the sum of all of the cost components should equal the total cost estimate provided on January 7, 2015.

As to NAT's comments regarding compliance with the publication requirements set forth in 85-2.10, applicants should have already previously complied and satisfied such provisions unless their revised filings are so substantially different that they now involve new municipalities that were not previously notified of a pending application. In such a case, applicants are required to provide additional notice of application to such municipalities. An affidavit of service is sufficient to meet the deadline. Since the regulation would merely require newspaper publication during the week of January 5 and January 12, it is not clear why publication must commence on December 29.

Second, as a result of the extension, with respect to DEC's concerns, it is also necessary to adjust the deadlines for comments. The deadline to submit comments is extended from March 4 to March 30; reply comments will be due April 15. These dates are also included in the chart below.

Third, NAT's request to file electronically is granted, as is its request to file any hard copies within seven days.

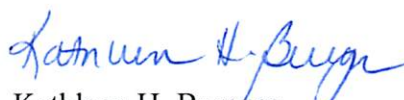
Filing Requirement	Original Deadline	New Deadline
Deadline for Applicants to Submit Part A Data Required for NYISO Analysis at Request of DPS	January 7, 2015	unchanged

² Case 12-T-0502, et al, *Notice Seeking Comment on Attached Advisory Staff Recommendations*, issued August 13, 2014.

Deadline for Applicants to Submit Remainder of Part A Proposals Offered for Comparative Evaluation [Order Appendix D, Pages 1-5, except detailed cost information required by Article VII Exhibit 9 and Order Pages 42-45]	January 19, 2015	January 20, 2015
Deadline for Applicants to give notice that their SRIS is underway	February 27, 2015	February 27, 2015 (Unchanged)
Deadline for Applicants to Submit Remainder of Part A Proposals Offered for Comparative Evaluation [Order Appendix D, Pages 6-10, and detailed cost information required by Article VII Exhibit 9 and Order Pages 42-45]	January 19, 2015	March 2, 2015
Deadline for Parties to Submit Written Comments on the Part A Submittals	March 4, 2015	March 30, 2015
Deadline for Replies	March 19, 2015	April 15, 2015

These extensions are granted in order to promote the fair, orderly and efficient conduct of this proceeding. This ruling will be posted on the Commission's website.

Sincerely,


Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary