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April 2, 2009

Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling
Secretary
State of New York Public Service Commission
Three Empire Plaza, 14th Floor
Albany, New York 12223-1350

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Re: Case 06-T-0650 – Application of New York Regional Interconnect, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII for a high voltage direct current electric transmission line approximately 190 miles in length running between a converter station with an AC interconnection to National Grid's Edic Substation in the Town of Marcy and a converter station with an AC interconnection to Central Hudson Gas & Electric's Rock Tavern Substation in the Town of New Windsor.

Dear Secretary Brillling:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are an original and two copies of the testimony of Roy Jacobson Jr. on behalf of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and an original and two copies of the DEC's proposed site visit changes to the NYRI Proposed Route and its Alternative Routes.

This is being sent to you today because we are unsure if our mailings yesterday were received by the parties. We regret any confusion this may cause.

I hereby certify that a copy of same was served on all parties to this proceeding by electronic mail via the electronic list serve established for that purpose in this proceeding.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

David S. Sampson
Associate Counsel

cc: Active Party List



April 1, 2009

Hon. Jeffrey E. Stockholm, ALJ
Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, ALJ
NYS Dept. of Public Service
Three Empire State Plaza,
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Judge Stockholm and Judge Phillips:

Pursuant to your request, here are the DEC's suggested changes to the site visit schedule circulated by NYRI:

1. We have no recommendations to delete any visits.
2. We would add the following:

Proposed Route

A. DEC recommends viewing the entire 9-mile Swamp by rail. Alternatively, we recommend contacting Wayne Dunckett from the railroad at 315-794-4157, or wdunckel@nysw.com.

B. Peter Nye cautions that we take special care not to disturb eagles or walk into restricted areas on Day 2, stops 3 and 23.

C. Wetland NYSFWW PN-19 in the Town of Deer Park, Orange County. This is located on the north side of Prospect Hill about 3.5 miles from the junction with NYS State 209.

Millennium Project

The Basket Creek site (Ferracane photo 1) is about 300-500 ft from the intersection of Route 97 & Basket Brook Rd. in Sullivan County. There is a large pull off on the east side of 97 at the intersection. Basket Brook Rd., however, is not a good road for a large bus.

We would recommend Hankins Corner. Road, which is on 97 just south of Basket. The Hankins Creek crossing (photos 2&3) is a little further from 97. There is room on Hankins Rd to stop a bus. Hankins Road is a County road and a little larger than Basket. I spoke with Sullivan Co. Public Works about the

possibility of taking a tour bus on the road, but they would need the bus dimensions. The county roads for the Hankins site would be 132 & 131. To pursue this, contact Marsia Fink, Sullivan Co. DPW at (845)807-0283.

Here is a web site showing the area:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=sullivan+county+,+new+york,+basket&ll=41.689322,-74.781189&spn=0.575313,0.774536&ie=UTF8&ll=41.845218,-75.114396&spn=0.07174,0.096817&z=13

The Callicoon Corner crossing is not accessible.

Each of the stops below is set forth on the map submitted by OAG.

Stop #1 – Route 10 in Delhi

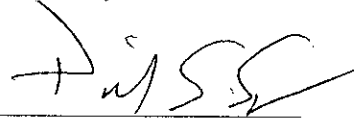
Stop #2 – Route 28 between Andes and Delhi

Stop #3 – Route 30 heading toward Downsville. The Marcy South route cuts over the mountain right near the Pepacton reservoir and Route 30.

Alternate D Route: We concur with the suggestions made by CARL.

Alternate K Route: (Pat is looking for a site)

Sincerely,



David S. Sampson
Associate Counsel

