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July 9, 2012

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

Re: Case 12-T-0248: Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for Construction of the "Columbia County Transmission Project," etc.

Dear Secretary Billings:

I represent the Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc. ("CLC") in the above matter. Because I am not entirely clear on the Commission's rules, I am submitting herewith a written Notice of Intent to Intervene as a Party in the proceeding of behalf of ("CLC"). This submission is made pursuant to the Commission's procedural rules set forth at 16 NYCRR Sections 4.3(b)(i), 85-2(a)(11) and 4.3(c)(1).

I previously submitted, via your website, CLC's request for party status. However, I am not sure that that is the same as a Notice of Intent to Intervene. Accordingly, I submit this letter request now, enclosing in support of it CLC's Party Status Request Form. This Request Form updates and amends my earlier filing and should be taken as identifying the CLC's interests that support its intervention and participation as a party.

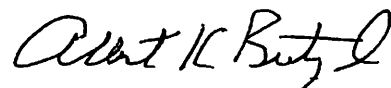
I respectfully request that in addition to myself, the following person be added to the Active Parties List in this matter.

Mr. Peter Paden, Executive Director
Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc.
P.O. Box 299
49 Main St
Chatham, NY 12037

I and the above representative party consent to service of Commission documents via email and agree to waive our right to personal service of Commission orders.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Albert K. Butzel

cc.: Parties Service List by email

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NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
PARTY STATUS REQUEST FORM

If you wish to become a party, fill out this "Party Status Request Form" *OR* use the Department's web interface. A separate request for Party status will be required for each proceeding. Only one form per party is necessary. Additional representatives of a party can be added informally, via an e-mail to the ALJ or Secretary, or by use of the "Party Representatives Form" if desired. To remove or substitute representatives on the Party List, the "Party Representatives Form" is required.

Case No.:	<u>12-T-0248</u>
Case Title (short reference):	<u>Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of the "Columbia County Transmission Project" in the Towns of Chatham, Ghent and Stockport, in Columbia County, New York</u>
Date of Request:	<u>7/9/2012 as of 6/1/2012</u>

Name of Party (This MUST be filled in. If you are an individual representing yourself, please so indicate):	<u>Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc.</u>
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Your Name:	<u>Albert K. Butzel</u>
Title:	<u>Attorney</u>
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Please state here the nature of the party's interest in the case, including, if applicable, how the party's participation might contribute to the development of a complete record or is otherwise fair and in the public interest:

The proposed transmission route in this case will pass through land owned by the Columbia Land Conservancy, Inc. and managed for public recreation and wildlife habitat, as well as over lands on which the Conservancy holds conservation easements. Also, the Conservancy's members include several owners whose property will be directly impacted by the proposed route and lines. The Conservancy will contribute to the development of the record by presenting evidence on the nature, use and conservation values of its properties and potential adverse impacts on those properties from the NYSEG proposal, the conservation values of the properties on which it holds conservation easements and potential adverse impacts on those properties, possible alternatives, including no action, and such other matters as it concludes are necessary to protect its interests. The Conservancy has been in operation for 26 years, has protected more than 25,000 acres of land with easements and purchases and now owns and/or manages 10 natural areas/conservation reserves that are open to the public without charge for walking, hiking, meditating and other outdoor recreation. The Conservancy may also work with other groups concerned about the route and lines by sponsoring expert witnesses on impacts and alternatives or in other ways

ELECTRONIC SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY PARTIES UPON EACH OTHER:

We will presume that, by providing your e-mail address, you are consenting to electronic service of documents upon you by other parties, and you agree that you will electronically serve all other parties except those who have not consented to electronic service, whom you must serve by mail or hand delivery.

Check the ***box*** below if the party does not have the ability to send and receive e-mail:

I do not have the ability to send and receive e-mail. Therefore I do not consent to receive electronic service and I do not agree to serve other parties by e-mail. Instead, I request that documents be served upon me by mail or hand delivery.

Note: Whether or not you have an e-mail address, if you require use of a different means of service of some or all documents between parties, then you may, pursuant to 16 NYCRR §3.5(e)(2), 1) apply to the Secretary or presiding officer and make a showing of good cause why you should be allowed to use a different means of serving or receiving service of documents, or 2) agree with other parties on a different means of service and file such agreement with the Secretary or presiding officer **with a signed copy of this form.**

ELECTRONIC SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION:

If you consent to receive Commission-issued orders electronically, you will receive all Commission-issued documents electronically. If you do not consent to receive Commission-issued orders electronically, you will receive all Commission-issued documents by mail.

Check the **boxes** below if the party consents to have the Commission serve orders that affect such party upon the party by electronic means only, pursuant to 16 NYCRR §3.2(b)(1).

I am authorized by the party to grant consent to receive electronic-only service of Commission-issued orders, AND

I, on behalf of myself or the party I represent, knowingly waive the right specified in Public Service Law §23(1) to be served personally or by mail with orders that affect me or the party I represent and consent to receive service of Commission-issued orders by electronic means only, such consent to remain in effect until revoked.

Note: Any party specifying terms of its consent to receive service by electronic means of Commission-issued orders other than that the consent would remain in effect until revoked, shall state such terms with respect to e.g. duration, persons consenting or types of documents, in writing to the Secretary or presiding officer *with a copy of this form.*

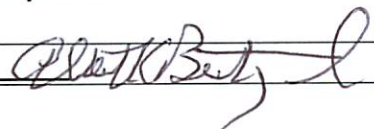
SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM:

If you have consented to electronic service of documents among the parties and of orders issued by the Commission, please e-mail this form to Secretary@dps.ny.gov AND serve it upon all parties (including any presiding ALJ) on the Parties List for this case, if such a Parties List is posted.

If you:

- (a) do not have the ability to send and receive e-mail or for some other reason will request permission from the Secretary or presiding officer to serve and be served by other parties by means other than electronic service OR
- (b) do not consent to electronic service of Commission-issued orders, including orders that may affect you, as indicated above,

sign below and mail a hard copy of this form to the Secretary, NYS Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. ALSO, you must mail or e-mail or deliver copies to all parties (including any presiding ALJ) on the Parties List for this case, if such a Parties List is posted.

Signature: 	Date: 7/9/2012 as of 6/1/2012
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Your request to be a party is subject to the right of other parties to object and subject to the final determination of the Administrative Law Judge, if one is assigned, or to the Secretary if no Administrative Law Judge is assigned to this case.