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Dear Property Owner:

As you may know, Upstate NY Power Corporation (UNYPC) has submitted an application to the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) to construct a 230 kV electric transmission line that is proposed to be routed through the Towns of Hounsfield, Henderson, Ellisburg, Pulaski, Richland, and Mexico. We are writing to you because you have been identified as an owner of real property which may be affected if our application is approved. Your property has been identified as being within the vicinity of the proposed transmission line route or one or more alternate routes. As part of the proposed project, UNYPC proposes to acquire or condemn a new right-of-way by the power of eminent domain; there is some possibility that your property may be affected.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some basic information about the proposed project, the process for approving major transmission lines in New York State and, most importantly, how you can access more information about the proposed project and become involved in the process.

Project Overview

On January 13, 2009, UNYPC submitted an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to the PSC. Pursuant to Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law, a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need must be granted prior to the construction of any major transmission facility in New York State. The PSC reviews such applications and has the authority to grant or deny applications. More information about the process for reviewing major utility transmission projects can be found on the PSC website at:

<http://www.dps.state.ny.us/articlevii.htm>

UNYPC proposes to construct approximately 50.6 miles of 230 kV transmission line between the collector substation of a wind-powered electric generation facility on Galloo Island (Hounsfield Wind Farm) located on the eastern end of Lake Ontario, in the Town of Hounsfield, to a new interconnection substation in the Town of Mexico, where the line will connect to the regional power grid. Approximately 41.7 miles of the proposed route is over land and approximately 9 miles are under the lakebed of Lake Ontario.

More information detailing the project, including the project application, complete public record, and maps reflecting the project route and property lines can be found on the Public Service Commission website. Updated information will be posted to the site throughout the proceeding. Information can be found at:

<http://documents.dps.state.ny.us/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=09-T-0049>

UNYPC also maintains a website with information regarding this project and its associated proposed wind facility. More information can be found at:

<http://upstatenypower.com/index.html>

Please carefully examine the enclosed map and note that the application, including maps of the proposed project, is available for public inspection at the following libraries:

Henderson Free Library
8939 State Route 178
Henderson, NY 13650

Pulaski Public Library
4917 North Jefferson Street
Pulaski, NY 13142

Hay Memorial Library
105 South Broad Street
Sackets Harbor, NY 13685

East Hounsfield Library
19438 State Route 3
Watertown, NY 13601

Ellisburg Free Library
12117 New York State Route 193
Ellisburg, NY 13636
Mexico Public Library
3269 Main Street
Mexico, NY 13114

Annie Porter Ainsworth Memorial Library
6064 South Main Street
Sandy Creek, NY 13145-0069

Participation

You may be allowed to participate as a party in all subsequent states of the certification proceedings, including the right to present oral testimony or cross-examine witnesses or parties, provided you file a motion of intervention to become a party with the Public Service Commission. Any person may file a statement in writing, to become part of the official case record, with the Public Service Commission by writing to:

Hon. Jaclyn Brilling
Secretary
NYS Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223
secretary@dps.state.ny.us
(518)486-6081

Comments may also be submitted by calling the Commission's toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120, or via the Internet at: www.AskPSC.com. The Commission requests that you include Case Number 09-T-0049 on all correspondence.

For information or assistance concerning the application, interested persons may contact the following representatives of UNYPC:

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Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Upstate NY Power Corp.