

State of New York  
Public Service Commission

Application  
of  
New York State Electric & Gas Corporation  
to  
Construct a Fuel Gas Transmission Line  
Under Article VII, Section 121-a of  
The Public Service Law

Seneca West Pipeline Interconnect  
Towns of Big Flats and Horseheads, and Village of Horseheads  
Chemung County, New York

**EXHIBIT H**

**Endangered Species Field Report Summary and Correspondence  
with the New York State DEC and US Fish and Wildlife Service**



August 3, 2011

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**RE: Elmira Natural Gas Transmission Line  
Threatened & Endangered Species Evaluation  
Towns of Big Flats & Horseheads, Chemung County, NY  
CHA Project No.: 22867.6100.31000**

The following summarizes CHA's findings with regards to State and federally listed protected species for the proposed Elmira Natural Gas Transmission Line located in the Towns of Big Flats and Horseheads, Chemung County, New York (Attachment 1- Project Location Map, Big Flats & Horseheads Quadrangles). The approximate start point coordinates of the project corridor are Latitude 42° 11' 26.4"N; Longitude 76° 54' 38.7"W and the approximate end point coordinates of the project corridor are Latitude 42° 10' 35.2"N; Longitude 76° 50' 17.9"W.

New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG) is proposing the expansion of the existing natural gas transmission network. The expansion includes the installation of approximately 4.5 miles of 8" natural gas transmission line. The proposed pipeline route extends approximately 3.5 miles east from Yawger Road to Hickory Grove Road along the existing Columbia Gas A-5 transmission pipeline. The proposed pipeline route then turns south for approximately 1 mile along an existing NYSEG 34.5 kV overhead electric utility right-of-way to a proposed substation off of Gardner Road. Additionally, there are three temporary construction access roads proposed.

The USFWS website was reviewed for the list of federally-protected species known to occur in Chemung County. This list identified the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), which has been delisted but is protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA).

A June 1, 2011 response letter from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Natural Heritage Program (NHP) indicated that the following species have been documented in the vicinity of the project corridor:

- Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*), threatened
- Least Bittern (*Ixobrychus exilis*), threatened
- Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*), threatened
- Reflexed Sedge (*Carex retroflexa*), endangered

The habitats of the project corridor were documented during site visits conducted on May 5, 2011, May 10, 2011, May 11, 2011, July 5, 2011 and July 27, 2011.

### **Vegetative Community Impacts**

The project corridor is within the existing Columbia Gas A-5 transmission line corridor and the NYSEG 34.5kV electric power line corridor. Therefore, most of the project corridor consists of open meadow type habitats. These habitats are edged by scrub shrub and forested habitats. Specifically, the habitats that occur along the project corridor include upland meadow, alfalfa field, wet meadow, upland scrub shrub, wetland scrub shrub, upland forest, wetland forest and mowed lawn. Additionally, there are both intermittent and perennial streams and ditches that cross the project corridor. Photographs of the above community types are located in Attachment 2. These photo locations are illustrated on the Photo Location Map in Attachment 2.

The upland meadow areas contain species such as northern bedstraw (*Galium boreale*), spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*), english plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*), dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), cow vetch (*Vicia cracca*), kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*), strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*), Queen anne's lace (*Daucus carota*), teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), white clover (*Trifolium repens*), ground ivy (*Glechoma hederacea*), red clover (*Trifolium pratense*), daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*), alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*), field horsetail (*Equisetum arvense*), black eyed susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), common blue violet (*Viola sororia*), yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), English rye grass (*Lolium perenne*), multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), birdsfoot trefoil (*Lotus corniculata*), timothy (*Phleum pratense*), flat top (*Euthamia graminifolia*), and curly dock (*Rumex crispus*). Refer to photographs 3, 15 & 22 for examples of this community type along the project corridor.

There is an alfalfa field in the vicinity of Chambers Road to just west of Sing Sing Creek. Refer to photographs 9 & 11.

The wet meadow areas contain species such as reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), sphagnum moss (*Sphagnum sp.*), common reed (*Phragmites australis*), purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), water horsetail (*Equisetum fluviatile*), jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*), wool grass (*Scirpus cyperinus*), soft rush (*Juncus effuses*), fox sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*), blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*), cattail (*Typha latifolia*), meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*), lurid sedge (*Carex lurida*), and bristlebract sedge (*Carex tribuloides*). Refer to photographs 5, 6 & 14 for examples of this community type along the project corridor.

The upland scrub shrub areas contain species such as multiflora rose, gray dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*), honeysuckle, hawthorn, and Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*). Refer to photograph 20 for an example of this community type.

Near the south end of the project corridor along the existing NYSEG 34.5kV line there is an area that was recently cut. This area was mostly upland scrub shrub with a smaller area of wetland scrub shrub. The upland areas appear to have contained species such as honeysuckle (*Lonicera tatarica*), Canada goldenrod, grasses, Russian olive and multiflora rose and the wetland areas

appear to have contained species such as silky dogwood (*Cornus amomum*), sphagnum moss, and honeysuckle. Refer to photographs 19 & 21.

The wetland scrub shrub areas contain species such as slippery elm (*Ulmus rubra*), silky dogwood, cockspur hawthorn (*Crataegus crus-galli*), honeysuckle, swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), sphagnum moss, sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), fringe sedge (*Carex crinita*), and garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*). Refer to photograph 2 for an example of this community type.

The upland forested areas contain species such as red maple (*Acer rubrum*), eastern hophornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*), serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*), quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*), lowbush blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*), Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*), Solomon seal (*Smilacina racemosa*), white pine (*Pinus strobus*), eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), gray birch (*Betula populifolia*), hawthorn, shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*), red oak (*Quercus rubra*), musclewood (*Carpinus caroliniana*), white oak (*Quercus alba*), mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*), and black cherry (*Prunus serotina*). Refer to photographs 10 & 13 (along the edges) for examples of this community type along the project corridor.

The wetland forested areas contain species such as red maple, American elm (*Ulmus americana*), green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*), jewelweed, and sensitive fern and the mowed lawn areas contain species such as grasses dandelion, and white clover.

These vegetative communities have been compared to the known habitats of each species listed above and the potential of the project to impact each species has been assessed as follows:

### **Species Habitat Requirements and Potential Impacts**

The **bald eagle** is a species that prefers undisturbed areas near large lakes and reservoirs, marshes and swamps, or stretches along rivers where they can find open water and their primary food, fish. Nests are usually located high in a tall, large white pine tree near water and their primary food, fish<sup>1</sup>. This species will also nest in deciduous trees and tends to avoid areas with nearby human activity (boat traffic, pedestrians) and development (buildings)<sup>2</sup>. Non-breeding adults and wintering birds are known to have communal roost sites. During the winter, the roost sites may be farther away from food sources. Feeding areas during the winter months usually have a high concentration of fish and waterfowl and open water (NatureServe 2005).

- Impacts to **bald eagles** are not likely to occur because there are no large lakes, swamps or marshes, reservoirs, or rivers within the project corridor or in the vicinity of the project corridor.

The **upland sandpiper** is a species that is an obligate grassland species. The population is restricted to the grassland habitats of the St. Lawrence Valley in Jefferson County and the

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<sup>1</sup> Bald Eagle Fact Sheet. NYSDEC Website. <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/9383.html>

<sup>2</sup> Bald Eagle. New York Natural Heritage Program. <http://www.acris.nynhp.org/guide.php?id=6811>

Mohawk Valley. This species is an uncommon breeder throughout New York near airports and agricultural areas<sup>3</sup>. The upland sandpiper breeds in open grasslands, prairies and hayfields<sup>4</sup>.

- There is an agricultural area in the vicinity of Chambers Road to just west of Sing Sing Creek. Refer to photographs 9 & 11. No other potential habitat was identified within the project corridor. Since the project proposes minimal temporary impact to this agricultural field as a result of the pipeline installation and since no upland sandpipers were seen or heard during the field investigation, impacts to this species are not anticipated.

The **least bittern** is a marsh bird that usually builds nests over shallow water. This species prefers tall emergent vegetation. They can be found in coastal brackish marshes and mangrove swamps but are primarily found in freshwater. This species mainly breeds in wetlands that are along rivers, estuaries and lakes<sup>5</sup>.

- The preferred habitat of this species was not found within the project corridor. Therefore, impact to this species is not anticipated.

The **piebilled grebe** is an aquatic bird that builds floating nests out of mud and rotting and green plant material. The nests are often anchored to emergent plants. This species breeds in marshes, sloughs and ponds, marshy inlets and along the edges of rivers, reservoirs, and lakes. The habitat for this species in winter and during migration is similar to the breeding habitat discussed above; however, many shift to more exposed areas on brackish, estuarine waters or sheltered inlets on large lakes, rivers and salt water<sup>6</sup>.

- The preferred habitat of this species was not found within the project corridor. Therefore, impact to this species is not anticipated.

The **reflexed sedge** can be found in thickets and openings in dry deciduous forests<sup>7</sup>. According to the NYSDEC NHP this species was last reported in 1949. This species fruits from mid May to mid July.

- A majority of the project corridor is either upland meadow or wetland meadow. However, there are areas of thickets and upland deciduous forest that would be impacted by the project. Some of the field investigations were completed when this species was in fruit. On these days, the species was not identified. Since this species was last reported in 1949, impacts are not anticipated.

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<sup>3</sup> Upland Sandpiper Fact Sheet, NYSDEC Website, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/59582.html>

<sup>4</sup> Field Guide to Birds, Eastern Region, National Audubon Society

<sup>5</sup> Least Bittern, NatureServe Explorer Website, <http://www.natureserve.org/explorer>

<sup>6</sup> Piebilled Grebe, NatureServe Explorer Website, <http://www.natureserve.org/explorer>

<sup>7</sup> Carex Retroflexa, Flora of North America, [www.eflorags.org](http://www.eflorags.org)

**Summary**

In summary, the listed species that were evaluated should not be impacted by the proposed project due to a lack of suitable habitat. Most of the project corridor is maintained ROW. The habitat has been degraded by periodic mowing and the presence and spread of invasive species. The proposed gas line installation will primarily involve temporary impacts. Disturbed areas will be returned to existing grades and seeded.

Please contact me with any questions. I can be reached at [nfrazer@chacompanies.com](mailto:nfrazer@chacompanies.com) or 518.453.8211.

Sincerely,



Nicole Frazer  
Environmental Scientist IV

Enclosures

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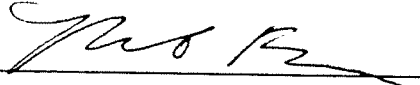


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**Joe Martens**  
Commissioner

**DATA REQUEST FORM: Please complete one form per activity**

**Requestor:** Nicole E. Frazer  
**Organization:** CHA  
**Address:** III Winners Circle  
**City:** Albany **State:** New York **Zip:** 12205  
**Signature of Requestor:** 5/17/11 

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**1. Title of Project:** Elmira Gas Transmission Line  
**2. Site Location:** Along existing transmission pipeline and electrical power line  
**Town(s):** Big Flats and Horseheads  
**County(ies):** Chemung

**USGS Topographic 7.5' Quad Names** Big Flats & Horseheads

**3. Describe the current and past use of the site (e.g., commercial, agricultural land, forest, roadway, etc.):** current use- existing transmission line and electrical power line

**4. Is the site subject to SEQRA review:**  Yes  No  Unsure

**If yes, who is the lead agency?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Lead Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Project or Activity. Please check one. If you want to give additional details, you may do so on the lines below, or in an accompanying letter.**

Residential Development                       Commercial Development                       Industrial Development  
 Municipal or County Planning/Zoning                       Utility (electric, water, sewer)  
 Assessment for Conservation                       Cellular/Communications Tower

**Other:** Proposed gas transmission line.

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6. Size in Acres: \_\_\_\_\_ or hectares: \_\_\_\_\_ or linear miles: ~5

7. In which of the following documents do you expect to use Heritage data:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Phase 1 Assessment                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Assessment Form  | <input type="checkbox"/> State Wetlands Permit Application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Management Plan                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research Report                | <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial Site Investigation       |

Other: Potential Joint Application for Permit

Please check below which data you are requesting:

Standard Rare Species/Natural Communities Report  Breeding Bird Atlas

Be sure to enclose a copy of a 7.5 minute USGS topographical map with the project site clearly marked.

The "User's Guide to New York Natural Heritage Data" and "NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Permits Regional Offices" will be sent with each request. Frequent requestors: Check here if you DO NOT need a copy of these: \_\_\_\_\_

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Copy:

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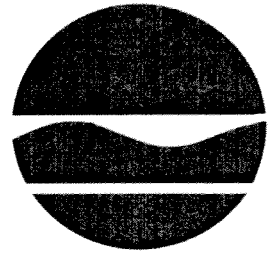
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\_\_\_\_\_ Pat Festa (Bureau of Fisheries)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lead Agency

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June 1, 2011

Nicole E. Frazer  
Clough Harbour Associates  
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Dear Ms. Frazer:


In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Elmira Gas Transmission Line – along existing transmission pipeline and electrical power line, area as indicated on the map you provided, located in the Towns of Big Flats and Horseheads, Chemung County.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, significant natural communities, and other significant habitats, which our databases indicate occur, or may occur, on your site or in the immediate vicinity of your site. For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our databases. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or significant natural communities. This information should not be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environmental impact assessment.

The enclosed report may be included in documents that will be available to the public. However, any enclosed maps displaying locations of rare species are considered sensitive information, and are intended only for the internal use of the recipient; they should not be included in any document that will be made available to the public, without permission from the New York Natural Heritage Program.

The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g., regulated wetlands), please contact the appropriate NYS DEC Regional Office, Division of Environmental Permits, as listed at [www.dec.ny.gov/about/39381.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/39381.html).

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

Sincerely,  
  
Jean Pietrusiak, Information Services  
NYS Department Environmental Conservation

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cc: Reg. 8

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## Natural Heritage Report on Rare Species and Ecological Communities



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~The information in this report includes only records entered into the NY Natural Heritage databases as of the date of the report. This report is not a definitive statement on the presence or absence of all rare species or significant natural communities at or in the vicinity of this site.  
~Refer to the User's Guide for explanations of codes, ranks and fields.  
~Location maps for certain species and communities may not be provided 1) if the species is vulnerable to disturbance, 2) if the location and/or extent is not precisely known, 3) if the location and/or extent is too large to display, and/or 4) if the animal is listed as Endangered or Threatened by New York State.

## Natural Heritage Report on Rare Species and Ecological Communities



### BIRDS

#### *Bartramia longicauda*

			Office Use
Upland Sandpiper	NY Legal Status: Threatened	NYS Rank: S3B - Vulnerable	10929
Breeding	Federal Listing:	Global Rank: G5 - Secure	ESU
	Last Report: **	EO Rank: **	
	County: Chemung		
	Town: Horseheads		
	Location: At, or in the vicinity of, the project site.		
	General Quality and Habitat: **For information on the population at this location and management considerations, please contact the NYS DEC Regional Wildlife Manager for the Region where the project is located.		

#### *Ixobrychus exilis*

			Office Use
Least Bittern	NY Legal Status: Threatened	NYS Rank: S3B,S1N - Vulnerable	10963
Breeding	Federal Listing:	Global Rank: G5 - Secure	ESU
	Last Report: **	EO Rank: **	
	County: Chemung		
	Town: Horseheads		
	Location: At, or in the vicinity of, the project site.		
	General Quality and Habitat: **For information on the population at this location and management considerations, please contact the NYS DEC Regional Wildlife Manager for the Region where the project is located.		

#### *Podilymbus podiceps*

			Office Use
Pied-billed Grebe	NY Legal Status: Threatened	NYS Rank: S3B,S1N - Vulnerable	10655
Breeding	Federal Listing:	Global Rank: G5 - Secure	ESU
	Last Report: **	EO Rank: **	
	County: Chemung		
	Town: Horseheads		
	Location: At, or in the vicinity of, the project site.		
	General Quality and Habitat: **For information on the population at this location and management considerations, please contact the NYS DEC Regional Wildlife Manager for the Region where the project is located.		

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### HISTORICAL RECORDS

The following plants and animals were documented in the vicinity of the project site at one time, but have not been documented there since 1979 or earlier, or there is uncertainty regarding their continued presence.

There is no recent information on these plants and animals in the vicinity of the project site and their current status there is unknown. In most cases the precise location of the plant or animal in this vicinity at the time it was last documented is also unknown and therefore location maps are generally not provided.

If appropriate habitat for these plants or animals is present in the vicinity of the project site, it is possible that they may still occur there.

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## Natural Heritage Report on Rare Species and Ecological Communities



### VASCULAR PLANTS

#### *Carex retroflexa*

Reflexed Sedge

**NY Legal Status:** Endangered

**Federal Listing:**

**Last Report:** 1949-06-03

**County:** Chemung

**Town:** Big Flats, Catlin, Horseheads, Veteran

**Location:** Horseheads North

**Directions:** 1.75 mi north of Horseheads.

**General Quality  
and Habitat:**

**NYS Rank:** S2S3 - Imperiled

**Global Rank:** G5 - Secure

**EO Rank:** Historical, no recent  
information

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More detailed information about many of the rare and listed animals and plants in New York, including biology, identification, habitat, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at [www.acris.nynhp.org](http://www.acris.nynhp.org), from NatureServe Explorer at <http://www.natureserve.org/explorer>, from NYSDEC at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html> (for animals), and from USDA's Plants Database at <http://plants.usda.gov/index.html> (for plants).



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To: Nicole Frazer

Date: Aug 9, 2011

USFWS File No: 110456

Regarding your:  Letter  FAX  Email

Dated: August 3, 2011

For project: Elmira Natural Gas Transmission Line

Located:

In Town/County: Towns of Big Flats and Horseheads / Chemung County

Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

Acknowledges receipt of your "no effect" and/or no impact determination. No further ESA coordination or consultation is required.

Acknowledges receipt of your determination. Please provide a copy of your determination and supporting materials to any involved Federal agency for their final ESA determination.

Is taking no action pursuant to ESA or any other legislation at this time but would like to be kept informed of project developments.

As a reminder, until the proposed project is complete, we recommend that you check our website (<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm>) every 90 days from the date of this letter to ensure that listed species presence/absence information for the proposed project area is current. Should project plans change or if additional information on listed or proposed species or critical habitat becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

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## Seneca West NYSDEC Threatened and Endnagered Species signoff

1 message

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**Frazer, Nicole** <NFrazer@chacompanies.com>

Mon, Nov 28, 2011 at 6:57 AM

To: John Heintz &lt;jvh.iedc@gmail.com&gt;

Hi John

The email below from Mike W. will serve as the species signoff from the NYSDEC.

Also, I just wanted to check in to see if you have received the other emails I sent you with my list of questions, seed mix info etc... I haven't heard from you in a while and just wanted to confirm that those emails went thru.

Thanks, Nicole

**Nicole E. Frazer**  
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**From:** Mike Wasilco [mailto:[mrwasilc@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:mrwasilc@gw.dec.state.ny.us)]**Sent:** Friday, November 25, 2011 12:03 PM**To:** Frazer, Nicole**Cc:** Scott Sheeley**Subject:** RE: NYSEG Elmira Natural Gas Line

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Nicole, In an exam of our records and the wetland maps you sent outlining the boundaries of this project, I do not foresee any issues with endangered wildlife species at any of the known and documented sites. However, our databases and records are continually growing as new sites for listed species are found.

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