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July 6, 2012


Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling  
Secretary  
State of New York Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Agency Building 3  
Albany, NY 12223-1350  
Re: Case 12-T-0248 – Columbia County Transmission Project

Dear Secretary Brillling:

I am enclosing for filing with the Commission the original affidavit of the clerk of the Register Star, a daily newspaper published in the City of Hudson, Columbia County, New York, attesting to the publication of the notice of filing of the Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need under Article VII of the Public Service Law for the Columbia County Transmission Project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



John D. Draghi

Attorney for New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

# AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

Tara Buffa of  
The City of Hudson, County of Columbia and State Of New York, bring duly sworn  
deposes and says the he/she is a principal clerk of the Register-Star a daily newspaper,  
printed and published in the City of Hudson, County of Columbia and State of New  
York, and that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been duly and  
regularly published in said newspaper: in each week for 2 successive week(s),  
said publication commencing on the 17 day of May, 2012.

Tara Buffa  
Principal Clerk

Sworn to me before this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

[Signature]  
Notary Public, County of Columbia, NY

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Notary Public, State of New York  
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: I, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ("NYSEG"), on or about May 25, 2012, will file an application with the New York State Public Service Commission ("Public Service Commission") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to Article VII of Public Service Law for the Columbia County Transmission Project ("Project"). The Project includes approximately 11.1 miles of new 115-kilovolt (kv) transmission line in the towns of Ghent, Chatham and Stockport, a new switching station in the Town of Ghent and modifications to NYSEG's existing Klinekill Substation in the Town of Chatham. The Project will enhance electric system reliability by bringing a new source of electricity into the Chatham area of NYSEG's Mechanicville Division, eliminating the need to shed load upon loss of NYSEG's Churchtown-Craryville Circuit 984. During the course of the Article VII proceedings, alternate routes not included in NYSEG's application or affected by the proposed primary routes may be offered without further notice by publication. In addition, the Public Service Commission may, without further notice by publication, approve a route for any of the circuits that traverses municipalities not presently affected by the proposed primary routes. A copy of NYSEG's application filed with the Public Service Commission will be served upon the chief executive officers of Columbia County and the towns of Ghent, Chatham and Stockport, the municipalities traversed by the proposed route.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Project involves the construction of the 8.6 mile, 115-kv Circuit 726 in the towns of Chatham and Ghent; construction of 2.5 miles of 115-kv transmission lines in the towns of Stockport and Ghent needed to loop National Grid's 115-kv Trunk #15 into a new NYSEG switching station to be constructed in the Town of Ghent; the new Ghent Switching Station, which will occupy approximately 2 acres adjacent and to the south of the existing industrial park along Falls Industrial Park Road and approximately 500 feet west of State Highway 9H; and modification of NYSEG's existing Klinekill Substation in the town of Chatham to accept the new Circuit 726. The existing footprint of the Klinekill Substation will not change. Construction, operation and maintenance activities will require NYSEG to acquire any of the three types of property rights, including fee interests, easements and licenses, along the Project right of way for the proposed substation and transmission lines. The Project is subject to the permitting requirements of Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law, and NYSEG must receive a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Public Service Commission before constructing the Project. Several alternatives were analyzed, resulting in the final proposal, which is described below. These alternatives are discussed in NYSEG's application.

#### **PROPOSED ROUTE**

Circuit 726 will parallel the east side of NYSEG's existing Craryville-Klinekill Circuit 984 for its entire distance in the Town of Chatham (0.5 miles) and for approximately 2.6 miles in the Town of Ghent. The remaining 5.5 miles of Circuit 726 will be built on new right of way in the Town of Ghent. The two 115-kv lines that are required to loop National Grid's Trunk # 15 into the new Ghent Switching Station in the Town of Ghent would begin at a point along Trunk #15 approximately 2,000 feet north of Stockport Road in the Town of Stockport. The lines will extend in parallel on new right of way from this point east and northeast approximately 6,450 feet to the new Ghent Switching Station. Both Circuit 726 and the lines running from and to Trunk #15 will be constructed primarily on single pole wood structures. Where Circuit 726 will be constructed parallel to Circuit 984, the existing right of way will need to be expanded by 50 feet. The remaining 5.5 miles of Circuit 726 will be built on new right of way that will generally be 100 feet wide. The precise route is described in Exhibit 3 of NYSEG's filing.

#### **DATE OF ARTICLE VII FILING**

Once NYSEG's application is filed with the Public Service Commission, copies of the application will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following libraries:

- The Rudolf Steiner Library, 66 Fern Hill Road, Ghent, NY 12075
- Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, Chatham, NY 12037
- Hudson Area Library, 400 State Street, Hudson, NY 12534

In addition, copies of NYSEG's application also will be available for public inspection at the Department of Public Service Offices in Albany (Office of Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223) and will be posted on the Public Service Commission's website ([www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov)).

#### **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE**

For information or assistance concerning the NYSEG's application, interested persons may contact the following:

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