STATE OF NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

- CASE 12-T-0502 Proceeding on Motion to Examine Alternating Current Transmission Upgrades.
- CASE 13-T-0454 Application of North America Transmission Corporation and North America Transmission, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law for an Alternating Current Transmission Upgrade Project Consisting of an Edic to Fraser 345 kV Transmission Line and a New Scotland to Leeds to Pleasant Valley 345 kV Transmission Line.
- CASE 13-T-0455 Part A Application of NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law for the Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project.
- CASE 13-T-0456 The Part A Application of NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII for the Oakdale to Fraser Project.
- CASE 13-M-0457 Application of New York Transmission Owners Pursuant to Article VII for Authority to Construct and Operate Electric Transmission Facilities in Multiple Counties in New York State.
- CASE 13-T-0461 Application of Boundless Energy NE, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII for Leeds Path West Project.

NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE AND AVAILABILITY OF INTERVENOR FUNDING

(Issued October 4, 2013)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a procedural conference will be held before Administrative Law Judge David Prestemon on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Commission's Albany offices, Three Empire State Plaza, 19th Floor Boardroom.

The principal purposes of the conference are:

- to identify the parties participating in the proceeding;
- to consider and discuss requests for intervenor funding;
- to discuss the parties' scheduling proposals, both for the scoping process and for the balance of the proceeding;
- to hear the parties views on whether an early screening of applications is feasible and appropriate and, if so, what factors should be determinative;
- to determine whether concerns remain with respect to access to rights-of-way and, if so, what action is required;
- to consider proposals and suggestions for party groupings, party representation, document service list(s), etc.;
- to discuss whether, and if so, when and to what extent separate contact lists should be established for the project-specific dockets; and
- to address any other matters appropriately raised at the conference.

Parties are invited to suggest additional topics for the conference. Suggestions should be sent by e-mail to ALJ Prestemon at david.prestemon@dps.ny.gov, with copies to all other parties in Case 12-T-0502.

Intervenor Funding

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to Public Service Law (PSL) §122(5), and as required by the Commission's April 22 and September 19, 2013 Orders in Case 12-T-0502, intervenor funds have been established. The total amount of the funds has not been finally determined but will be no less than \$1.7 million. The purpose of the funds is to allow parties to contribute to the development of a complete record leading to an informed decision, and to foster broad public participation.

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Initial requests for funds must be submitted to ALJ Prestemon, with copies served on all parties, no later than October 22, 2013. Requests must comply with the Commission's rules, which provide, at 16 NYCRR 85-2.4(d), that an application for intervenor funding contain:

- a statement of the number of persons and the nature of the interests the requesting party represents;
- (2) a statement of the availability of funds from the resources of the requesting party and from other sources and of the efforts that have been made to obtain such funds;
- (3) if the requesting party represents owners or occupants of real property, the location of such real property in relation to the route proposed for the facility and any alternative route specified as reasonable in the application;
- (4) the amount of funds being sought;
- (5) to the extent possible, the name and qualifications of each expert to be employed;
- (6) if known, the name of any other party who may, or is intending to, employ such expert;
- (7) a detailed statement of the services to be provided by expert witnesses, consultants or others (and the basis for the fees requested), specifying how such services will contribute to a complete record leading to an informed decision as to the appropriateness of the facility and route;
- (8) a statement as to the result of any effort made to encourage the applicant to perform any proposed studies or evaluations and the reason it is believed that an independent study is necessary; and
- (9) a copy of any contract or agreement or proposed contract or agreement with each expert witness, consultant or other person.

Applicants are cautioned that requests for funding must comply fully with each requirement of the rules.

Service List and Parties

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you have been served with a copy of this notice, it is because you have previously stated your desire to receive copies of documents in one or more of the captioned cases, or because you have been CASES 12-T-0502, et al.

identified as a representative of a legislative district, town, county, or State agency that may be affected by one or more of these cases. If you do not wish to receive further service of documents, please contact the Secretary to the Commission by email at Secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail to Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350.

Please be aware that inclusion on the service list does not make you a party to these cases. If you wish to request party status in one or more of the cases, please go to the Commission's Web site homepage, <u>www.dps.ny.gov</u>, click "Search" in the left-hand column. On the search page, enter the case number in "Search by Case Number," click on the "Request for Party Status" button in the upper right corner of the screen that opens, and then follow the instructions to request party status.

> KATHLEEN H. BURGESS Secretary