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Via Electronic E-Mail:

Mr. Kevin M. Bernstein Management Committee Chairman Environmental and Energy Practice Group Bond Schoeneck and King, PLLC One Lincoln Center Syracuse, New York 13202-1355 kbernstein@bsk.com

> RE:CASE 21-T-0340 – Application of New York Power Authority and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Rebuild of Approximately 100 Linear Miles of Existing 230 kV to Either 345 kV along with Associated Substation Upgrades Along the Existing NYPA Moses-Willis 1&2, Willis-Patnode, Willis-Ryan, and National Grid's Adirondack-Porter 11, 12 and 13 Lines in Clinton, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Lewis, and Oneida Counties, New York.

## Limited Notice to Proceed with Construction

Dear Mr. Bernstein:

The Application submitted by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) to rebuild their respective Transmission Lines was approved on August 11, 2021. This Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) pertains to National Grid's Part 3 Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP). National Grid submitted its EM&CP on October 27, 2023, and supplemented on December 20, 2023. National Grid requests approval to proceed with construction in upland areas until it provides documentation that the in-lieu fee has been received by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The EM&CP submitted by National Grid, was approved by the New York State Public Service Commission on January 19, 2024. On April 19, 2024, National Grid filed its municipal separate storm sewer system community acceptance from the Town of Marcy in accordance with Ordering Clause 2 of that January 19<sup>th</sup> Order which states:

"The Town of Marcy is a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) community. Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid must obtain MS4 acceptance from the Town of Kevin M. Bernstein April 23, 2024, CASE 21-T-0340

Marcy and submit such authorization and acceptance with the Secretary prior to start of construction on the Part 3 EM&CP."

Staff of the Department of Public Service determined that the information provided in your letter to the Department on behalf of National Grid, dated April 18, 2024, sufficiently meets the requirements of the Orders issued in the above referenced case.

As of May 2, 2024, National Grid is hereby authorized to begin limited construction in upland areas as part of the re-route of the Austin Road – Edic Line 11; reconfiguration of the location of the Marcy – Edic 345 kV and Austin Road – Edic 345 kV lines into the same bay; and construction of a minor expansion of the Edic Substation south of Glass Factory Road in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County. Construction activities in wetland areas that are subject to USACE authorization are not permitted until National Grid provides documentation that the in-lieu fee has been received by USACE and a copy has been posted on the Department's Document and Matter Management System.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Baciuska of the Environmental Compliance Staff, at (518) 956-3343 or by email at <u>Kristin.Baciuska@dps.ny.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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cc: Case File, NYSDPS Kristin Baciuska, NYSDPS