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PSC OK's Critically Needed Infrastructure Projects

Commission Approves 29 Infrastructure Projects Valued at \$636.2 Million

ALBANY — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved a portfolio of urgent infrastructure projects, as proposed by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison), Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid; New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) to address existing and near-term infrastructure in support of transportation and building electrification. The combined projects valued at \$636.2 million will enable 642 megawatts (MW) of electrification upgrades, accelerating the decarbonization of the transportation and building sectors.

"We are approving these projects today because significant grid capacity is needed to support electrification across vehicle duty classes and buildings," **said Commission Chair Rory M. Christian.** "Grid constraints have already begun to limit electrification in some parts of the state. The urgent grid upgrade projects would expand grid capacity in many areas of the state, relieving urgent constraints on an accelerated basis while a broader, unified planning framework is developed."

The 29 projects approved today are as follows:

- **Con Edison:** Five projects in the Con Edison service territory totaling \$439.9 million for 380 MW of new capacity, including a significant expansion at Zerega Avenue to enable fleet electrification, and a redesign of the Hunt's Point electrical system, enabling widespread pollution reduction and electrification of end uses.
- **National Grid:** Twenty-two projects in National Grid's upstate service territory totaling \$126 million for 184.8 MW of new capacity, including innovative deployments of grid-enhancing technology in the form of mobile energy storage devices for near-term high-power charging on major Thruway corridors, and the expansion of numerous network components for building and vehicle electrification across upstate New York.
- **NYSEG:** One project in NYSEG's service territory totaling \$37.1 million for 30 MW of new capacity in the North Country, enabling vehicle and building electrification, including a major industrial electrification project.
- **RG&E:** One project in RG&E's service territory totaling \$33.2 million for 47 MW of new capacity, significantly expanding electric vehicle charging capability and enabling large-scale building electrification.

Taken together, these projects represent a major step in modernizing and expanding New York's electrical system and will accelerate the state's progress towards its decarbonization goals. This action was taken under the Commission's innovative proceeding on proactive planning for upgraded electric grid infrastructure. The proceeding is designed to develop novel utility planning methodologies that capture new loads arising due to electrification on a more granular locational and temporal basis. The information developed in the planning process may then be used to identify electric system upgrades that are necessary to maintain progress on the transition away from fossil fuel driven technologies.

New York State's Climate Agenda

New York State's climate agenda calls for an affordable and just transition to a clean energy economy that creates family-sustaining jobs, promotes economic growth through green investments, and directs a minimum of 35 percent of the benefits to disadvantaged communities. New York is advancing a suite of efforts to achieve an emissions-free economy by 2050, including in the energy, buildings, transportation, and waste sectors.

Today's decisions may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at www.dps.ny.gov and entering Case Number 24-E-0364 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission documents may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500). If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.