

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 25-T-0262 - Petition of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, Pursuant to Article VII, for the Rebuild of Approximately 50.72 Miles of Transmission Line from Inghams Substation in the Town of Manheim, Herkimer County, to the Rotterdam Substation in the Town of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, Traversing the Towns of Princetown and Rotterdam in Schenectady County, the Towns of Ephratah, Johnstown, Oppenheim, and Perth, and the City of Johnstown in Fulton County, the Towns of St. Johnsville, Amsterdam, Mohawk and Florida, and the Village of Hagaman in Montgomery County, and the Town of Manheim in Herkimer County, and the Construction of the Saltsman Road Substation in the Town of Ephratah, Fulton County.

NOTICE INVITING COMMENTS ON MOTION FOR WAIVER
OF CERTAIN APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

(Issued July 11, 2025)

On April 25, 2025, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (the Applicant) filed an application (Application) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law (PSL). If granted, the Certificate would authorize the Applicant to reconstruct approximately 50.72 miles of the existing 115 kilovolt transmission line from the Inghams Substation in the Town of Manheim, Herkimer County, to the Rotterdam Substation in the Town of Rotterdam, Schenectady County, including the construction of the proposed Saltsman Substation in the Town of Ephratah, Fulton County (the Project).

The Project is located in the Towns of Princetown and Rotterdam in Schenectady County; the Towns of Ephratah,

Johnstown, Oppenheim, and Perth, and the City of Johnstown in Fulton County; the Towns of St. Johnsville, Amsterdam, Mohawk, and Florida, and the Village of Hagaman in Montgomery County; and the Town of Manheim in Herkimer County.

In a motion filed with its Application, the Applicant requests waiver of certain regulations governing the content of PSL Article VII applications, specifically, the following provisions of Title 16 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations:

- 1) Section 86.3(a)(2), which requires applicants to file New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) maps at a scale of 1:250,000 showing the relationship of the proposed facility to the applicant's overall system with respect to certain information specified in the regulation, for which the Applicant seeks waiver and to file DOT maps stitched together with various other maps;
- 2) Section 86.3(b), which requires applicants to file various aerial photographs of the project area taken within six months of the date that the application is filed, for which the Applicant seeks waiver to file stitched together aerial photographs taken in March 2024;
- 3) Section 86.4(b), which requires applicants to indicate, on DOT maps, any alternative route considered, for which the Applicant seeks waiver to use NYS ITS Geospatial maps dated 2022; and
- 4) Section 88.4(a)(4), which requires applicants to provide appropriate system studies, showing expected flows on the line under normal, peak, and emergency conditions, including the system reliability impact study forwarded by the Transmission Planning

Advisory Subcommittee for approval by the operating committee of the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), showing effects on stability of the interconnected system, for which the Applicant seeks waiver of the requirement to provide a system impact study.

The Application may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service (Department) website, www.dps.ny.gov, by clicking on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files") and entering "25-T-0262" in the box labelled "Search by Case Number."

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning the waiver requests. Comments should refer to "Case 25-T-0262" and must be submitted by **September 2, 2025**. Comments may be submitted using one of the following methods:

Internet: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter the "25-T-0262" in the box labelled "Search by Case Number," and then click on the "Post Comments" button located at the top right of the page.

Mail: Comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350; however, the electronic filing of comments is strongly encouraged.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-State callers, 24-hours a day. These calls are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

All written comments filed with the Secretary will be posted on the Department's website and will become part of the record of the proceeding in which they are posted. Please be advised that untimely comments may not be considered by the Commission. Comments may be accessed on the Department's website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this Notice.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary