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Via Electronic Mail

John Dittmann
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RE: Case 91-E-0529 – Application of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to Reconstruct and Upgrade the P and MK Transmission Facilities in Ulster County – Minor Change Request.

Dear Mr. Dittmann:

On May 28, 2024, the Department of Public Service (DPS) received your request for a minor change concerning the “P” transmission line, which runs from the Sturgeon Pool Substation, located in the Town of Rosendale, to the High Falls Substation, located in the Town of Marbletown. If approved, this minor change would allow Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation (Central Hudson) to replace fourteen transmission structures along the “P” line with directly embedded class equivalent corten tubular steel poles, complete minor maintenance on several other structures, add one additional structure on the High Falls Substation property, and remove one existing structure from the Sturgeon Pool Substation property. This change is expected to result in an increase in the height of the structures by approximately 5 feet on average (but up to a maximum of 9 feet on one structure) and would include the use of an additional access road that is located on property owned by Central Hudson. All work will be located on the existing Central Hudson right-of-way and no additional property rights or clearing would be needed. All work will be subject to the Environmental Management and Construction Plan, associated Best Management Practices, and associated Commission Orders. Additionally, DPS staff reports that Central Hudson worked with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to come up with a plan to avoid/minimize impacts to Bald Eagles.

DPS Staff reviewed the proposed minor change and advises that the proposed change will not cause substantial change in environmental impact and is not related directly to contested issues decided during the proceeding. Accordingly, DPS Staff reports that it has no objection to this proposed change.

Mr. John Dittmann
July 2, 2024

Therefore, pursuant to Ordering Clause 8 of Opinion No. 95-6, issued on May 23, 1995, in this proceeding, Central Hudson may implement this minor change to the approved Environmental Management and Construction Plan. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ryan Mitchell of DPS Staff at (518) 474-2623 or at ryan.mitchell@dps.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary

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