



Lockport–Batavia Line 112

Rebuild Project

Appendix C

Public Involvement Plan

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APPENDIX C: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

This document is the Public Involvement Plan (“PIP”) for National Grid’s Lockport–Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project (the “Project”). The PIP details information about the Project, its stakeholders and the process for identifying additional stakeholders, the communications tools and strategies to be used, and the timeline for the various phases of the Project.

The PIP is a roadmap describing how the Project team will: communicate with stakeholders and the general public; provide information and education on the Project; receive feedback; and report back to communities and stakeholders.

National Grid is committed to communicating the details, needs, and benefits of the Project while being transparent in its decision-making processes, particularly through regulatory, municipal and public engagement. National Grid is also committed to incorporating feedback from stakeholders and the public to the greatest extent possible, taking into account all of the considerations for a successful project (*e.g.*, real estate rights, engineering, safety, environmental impacts and mitigation, etc.). Building and maintaining relationships throughout the Project is key to National Grid’s success now and for future projects.

C.1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project is a 21.7-mile electric transmission project that will focus on replacing deteriorating assets, decreasing the likelihood of potential line outages due to equipment failures.

Project details include:

- The Project crosses two counties: Niagara and Genesee;
- The Project travels through the City of Lockport and the Towns of Lockport, Royalton, and Alabama.
- The Project will replace existing aging 115 kV structures in the right-of-way.
- The majority of the Project will remain in existing rights-of-way.
- The Project includes upgrading access roads, improving response time and decreasing maintenance costs. Furthermore, reconductoring all of the existing 428 kcmil and 636 kcmil AAC conductor along the 21.7-mile portion of the circuit rebuilt by the Project will replace all of the existing splices and increase the limiting element on that section of the line.
- The Genesee County Economic Development Corporation has a project, its Western New York Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park (“STAMP”) Project, which involves development of a site through which the circuit currently runs. The portion of the circuit in the STAMP site is planned to be

rerouted off its current centerline between existing Structures 173 ½ and 184 in a project separate from this Project.

- National Grid performed a prioritization assessment to determine the impact and importance of the Line 112 line as it relates to other National Grid New York transmission lines. The prioritization assessment considers the number of customers served by a line, its connected generation, stranded load, peak load, congestion, potential to impact system reliability and security, and asset condition. The Lockport-Batavia 112 line was found to fall within the top quartile of lines with respect to their importance to the National Grid New York transmission system.
- Over the last several years, the Lockport-Batavia 112 line has had over 30 interruptions.

C.2 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN SCHEDULE

The PIP schedule follows the overall permitting process to obtain a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (“Certificate”) from the New York State Public Service Commission (“PSC”) under Article VII of Public Service Law (“PSL”) and PSC approval of the Environmental Management and Construction Plan (“EM&CP”) approval from the PSC, as well as the construction schedule afterward. National Grid has identified five phases of work to be completed: Pre-Application; Article VII Application; EM&CP Development; Pre-Construction; and Construction. Within those five phases, activities/tasks and target milestone dates of completion have been identified and are detailed in Attachment C-2 of this document.

National Grid has undertaken the following public outreach and information efforts in support of this Application:

C.2.1 Legal Notification

- A Public Notice of the filing was published in the following newspapers once per week for two consecutive weeks prior to the Article VII filing. A copy of the Public Notice is included in Attachment C-3 of this Appendix. Affidavits of Publication will be filed with the PSC.
 - Lockport Union-Sun & Journal
 - The Daily News Batavia

C.2.2 Municipal and Community Outreach

- Local government officials in the municipalities affected by the Project have been contacted personally and by letter (in 2019) notifying them of our intention to file this Application. At or around the time of filing of the Application, the Applicant will inform officials of such local governments by email that the Application is about to be filed. A form of the 2019 letter, a list of its addressees, and a form of the notification email described above are included in this Appendix as Attachment C-1.
- A local phone number has been established for people seeking additional information about the Project: (716) 466-2007. This phone number is included in the Project Fact Sheet and the Project website. Further details on the Project phone number and website are detailed below.
- Owners of properties abutting the proposed Project right-of-way were sent notification letters regarding preliminary right-of-way activities for the proposed Project. These notification letters were sent in August 2019, November 2021 and August 2022. A copy of the letters is included in Attachment C-3 to this Appendix.

- Owners of properties abutting the proposed Project right-of-way were sent notification letters regarding field studies. This notification included a map of the Project area and the local hotline number. These notification letters were sent in February 2021. A copy of the notification letter and is included in Attachment C-4 to this Appendix.
- Owners of properties abutting the proposed Project right-of-way were sent notification letters regarding our intention to file this Application. This notification included the Project Fact Sheet containing a map of the Project area, the Project’s website URL and the local hotline number. These notification letters were sent in November 2022. A form of the notification letter and the Fact Sheet are included in Attachment C-3 to this Appendix.
- At or around the time of filing of the Application, all owners of land on which any portion of the Project is to be located were served by first-class mail with a notice informing them that the Project may impact their property. Such notice included a description of the Project and an explanation of how one can seek to become a party to the Article VII proceeding. A copy of such notice is included in Attachment C-5 to this Appendix.
- Copies of the Application will be located in the following local libraries for public inspection:

Lockport Public Library
 23 East Ave
 Lockport, NY 14094
 (716) 433-5935

Haxton Memorial Library
 3 N Pearl St
 Oakfield, NY 14125
 (585) 948-9900

Royalton Hartland Community Library
 9 Vernon Street
 Middleport, NY 14105
 (716) 735-3281

- National Grid plans to conduct “Open House” informational meeting(s), either in-person, or virtually, before or in conjunction with, the PSC’s public statement hearing(s). National Grid employees will be available to informally address questions and concerns from the public. Advertising will be used to inform the public of the public statement hearing to be conducted by the PSC.

C.3 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN ACTIVITIES AND STRATEGIES

In order to communicate with stakeholders and the general public, defined activities and strategies will be employed throughout the various phases of the Project. The tools and strategies vary, from the creation of the overarching messaging, to face-to-face outreach methods. Each has its importance to the successful permitting and construction of the Project.

C.3.1 Tools for Public Involvement:

Tools for the Project will include, but not be limited to:

- **Overarching Messaging**
 - The key messaging of the Project:
 - Replacement of Aging Infrastructure: The existing lines are aging and are past nearing the end of their useful lives. The Project will replace the existing infrastructure with modern technology.
 - Enhanced Reliability: System reliability will also be enhanced by building to the most current codes.
 - Cost-Effective Solution for Years to Come: Rebuilding the transmission lines provides for a cost-effective solution for the continued long-term maintenance and operation of the lines.
- **Project Fact Sheet**
 - A document providing general details about the Lockport–Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project, including contact information, for public and internal use. The Fact Sheet will be updated throughout the Project, including during the EM&CP phase to reflect construction activities and techniques in order to prepare the public for that phase of the Project.
 - During pre-application efforts, a fact sheet was developed and shared with abutting landowners via direct mail, as well as municipalities. The fact sheet included a Project description, as well as contact information for the Project team.
 - Additional fact sheets will be developed as needed.
 - All fact sheets are subject to change as engineering and other factors continue to be refined throughout the permitting process.
- **Project Website**
 - A Project website has been developed and can be found at www.LockportBataviaTransmission.com.
 - The website contains information included in the Fact Sheet, as well as frequently asked questions, direct links to the Department of Public Service’s Document and Matter Management (DMM) system and website for the Article VII proceeding, and a Project map to allow the public to locate their properties (if abutting) in relation to the Project.

- The public can contact Project team members directly through the web portal email address of info@lockportbataviatransmission.com.
 - Those interested in receiving Project information can sign up to receive Project updates through the website.
 - The website will continue to develop as the needs of the Project change. For example, when the Project enters the construction phase, the website will feature the construction schedule that will be updated regularly with current and upcoming construction activities.
- **Project Hotline**
 - A local hotline (716-466-2007) has been established for the Project. The hotline allows the general public to contact the Project team to receive information and have questions/concerns answered. The hotline is automated: all calls go to a recorded voicemail system, which are then handled by Project team members. All hotline calls are returned within 24 hours (or over weekends/holidays the next business day). A Project representative will contact the caller to confirm that the inquiry was received. Questions are forwarded to the appropriate subject matter expert, as needed.
- **Project Crew Pad**
 - National Grid will develop a smaller version of the Fact Sheet called a “tear off” crew pad, which will contain high-level information about the Project, including communications tools available to the public (hotline, website, and email). The crew pad will be distributed to all field personnel, and be available for use during public presentations and sessions.
- **Project Doorhangers**
 - Adaptable doorhangers will be designed to update abutters throughout the Project. Doorhangers will include Project contact information (hotline, website, and email) and Project updates. The types of information provided on doorhangers includes: upcoming public meeting dates and locations; Project milestones; special events during construction; etc.

As the Project evolves through the various phases, new tools may be created, and existing will be modified to meet the needs of the Project.

C.3.2 Strategies for Public Involvement

Strategies for Project outreach to the public will include:

- **Stakeholder Identification:**
 - The first major effort of the Project team was to identify all impacted stakeholders, from abutting landowners and those within the proposed Project area, to elected officials, non-governmental organizations, community groups, utilities, airports and heliports, schools, and recreational facilities.

- The identification falls under, but is not limited to, the following categories:
 - Impacted landowners (as defined by PSL §120) and other abutting landowners;
 - Municipal officials (elected, both town and county);
 - New York State agencies and legislators (in the Project area);
 - Regional agencies;
 - Federal agencies and legislators (in the Project area);
 - Non-governmental organizations and community groups; and
 - Utilities.
 - For each stakeholder, tools and strategies will be chosen to meet the individual communications need, as well as frequency.
 - The Stakeholder List will be periodically updated as the Project continues, including the addition of newly elected public officials. A member of the public can request to be added to the list by calling the Project hotline, signing up via the Project website or making the request in-person.
- **Briefings**
 - Throughout the Project, in-person and/or virtual briefings will occur to help educate key stakeholders about the Project. Such briefings will be held with elected officials, key stakeholders, and the public in general (e.g., abutting neighbors). The meetings will occur as requested or scheduled by Project team members. Tools to be used include, but are not limited to, the Fact Sheet, website, hotline, and email.
 - **Notification Letters**
 - Throughout the Project, various letters will be mailed via first class to abutting neighbors and major stakeholders, advising of the various activities and phases of the Project. Letters will direct the public to the website, hotline, and email portals to obtain additional information.
 - **Door-to-Door Notifications**
 - In order to provide direct Project information, door-to-door notifications throughout the Project area will occur. The intent is to engage Project neighbors, determine their level of knowledge and concern regarding the Project, educate them about the Project, and inform them of any upcoming scheduled public meetings. Tools such as specifically-designed doorhangers will be used to direct the public to the hotline, website, and email portal.
 - **Media**
 - National Grid’s Strategic Communications department will contact local media representatives to provide Project information and disseminate the construction commencement notice. Local advertising will also occur in advance of any Project public meetings of significance, such as the Project open house(s).

- **Regulatory Support Activities**
 - During the Article VII Application Phase, regulatory support from the Project Team will be necessary to assist with compliance. A number of mailings, advertisements, document distributions, and public events, such as PSC Public Statement Hearings, will occur. For example, in the case of the Public Statement Hearing, the Project team will assist DPS in planning the event, will advertise for it, and execute an Informational Forum prior to the Hearing.

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ATTACHMENT C-1: MUNICIPAL CONTACTS





[*date*], 2019

[*name, address*]

Re: *Lockport-Batavia 112 Transmission Line Rebuild Project*

Dear _____:

To continue providing safe and reliable electric service to Western New York, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”) is planning to rebuild the Lockport – Batavia 112 Transmission Line, located between the Towns of Lockport and Batavia, New York. We are writing you to introduce the project and provide you with information about upcoming survey activities in the project area that will impact the City of Batavia residents. This is the first of many notifications that you will receive during the next several years as we work to design, permit, and ultimately construct the project.

National Grid operates the above-referenced electric transmission lines (the “Existing Lines”) in the City of Batavia. This National Grid right-of-way (“ROW”) is comprised of various property interests held by National Grid, including fee-owned property, easement parcels and other property agreements. These property interests allow National Grid to, among other things, maintain these vital electric facilities.

To this end, National Grid is developing an Article VII application filing with the New York State Public Service Commission (“PSC”) for this proposed project. During this phase of the project, National Grid and/or our approved contractor(s) will perform preliminary engineering activities in and along National Grid’s ROW, portions of which are located in the City of Batavia.

These activities will begin this summer and will include field studies such as property surveying, staking, wetland delineations, the marking of underground facilities, and soil borings. These activities will continue along the ROW throughout 2019. National Grid-approved contractors and employees work to the highest professional and safety standards and are required to carry company photo identification.

We are sharing this information to provide advanced notification of crews that will be in the area. We look forward to your cooperation as we move forward with this important and necessary infrastructure improvement project.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance and understanding in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 716-831-7753.

Sincerely,

Paul Gister

LIST OF RECIPIENTS NATIONAL GRID

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Paul K. Oates
City of Lockport
City Clerk
Lockport Municipal Building
One Locks Plaza
Lockport, New York 14094
716.439.6776

Michael Hoffman
City of Lockport
Director of Highways & Parks
One Locks Plaza
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716.439.6750

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Town of Royalton
Town Supervisor
5316 Royalton Center Rd.
Middleport, New York 14105
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Town Clerk
5316 Royalton Center Rd.
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5316 Royalton Center Rd.
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716.772.2363 ext. 117 or 118

EMAIL:

MUNI CONTACT NAME HERE

National Grid is scheduled to file an Article VII Project application on (or about) November 18. The Lockport–Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project will rebuild an aging electric transmission line. The rebuild will focus on the northern 20 miles of an existing electric transmission line that runs from the City of Lockport in Niagara County to the Town of Alabama in Genesee County, traversing the Towns of Lockport and Royalton in Niagara County.

The attached landowner letter was sent to landowners who are adjacent to the project area, impacted landowners were previously sent several notifications about the project.

We will keep you in the loop as this project develops. If you have any questions, please feel free to visit the project [website](#) or reach out to us. We would happy to answer any questions virtually or in person.

Thank you,

Paul Gister

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ATTACHMENT C-2: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN SCHEDULE

Public Involvement Plan Schedule

Activity	Target Stakeholders	Phase	Target for Completion	Materials Developed
Project Hotline Established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	Pre-Application	Completed	Project Hotline
Stakeholder Identification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	Pre-Application	Ongoing	Stakeholder list
Project Introduction/Survey Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjacent Landowners Municipal Leaders 	Pre-Application	August 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project introduction letter to landowners and municipalities
Municipal Leader Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Leaders 	Pre-Application	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipality specific PowerPoint Maps Fact Sheet
Project Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	Pre-Application	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Website
Third Party Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Agencies Non-Governmental Organizations Community Groups 	Pre-Application	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fact Sheet Project scope presentation
Open House Meeting Notifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	Pre-Application	Anticipated two weeks prior to open house meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct mail postcard invitations Notifications posted on Project website Newspaper display ads
Open House Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 	Pre-Application	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Project Fact Sheet Construction, EMF, and Permitting Fact Sheets
Art. VII Application Notifications (Municipalities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal Leaders, Agency Leaders, and Elected Officials 	Art. VII Application	Upon Art. VII Application filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Notice Letters Fact Sheet
Statutory Landowner Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All owners of land on which the Project is proposed to be located 	Art. VII Application	Upon Art. VII Application filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notice per PSL §122(2)(c)
Art. VII Application Notifications (Abutting Landowners)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abutting Landowners 	Art. VII Application	Upon Art. VII Application filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Notice Letters Fact Sheet
Art. VII Application Notifications (Public)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public 	Art. VII Application	Prior to Application being filed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Notice in Newspapers
Art. VII Application for Public Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public 	Art. VII Application	Within 10 days of Art. VII Application filing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copies of the Art. VII Application placed in Document Repositories Application documents placed or linked to on Project website

**APPENDIX C
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ATTACHMENT C-3: PROJECT NOTIFICATIONS TO THE PUBLIC

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION D/B/A NATIONAL GRID FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII FOR ITS LOCKPORT-BATAVIA LINE 112 REBUILD PROJECT IN NIAGARA AND GENESEE COUNTIES

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Applicant”) is providing public notice of its intent to file an application (the “Application”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (“Certificate”) pursuant to New York State Public Service Law (“PSL”) Article VII for the Lockport-Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project (the “Project”).

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that National Grid intends to file an Application for a Certificate with the State of New York Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in the above-entitled matter. The Project is subject to the permitting requirements of PSL Article VII, and the Applicant must receive a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Commission before constructing the Project.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

National Grid’s existing Lockport-Batavia Line 112 is a 115kV electric transmission line approximately 35 miles in length, running between National Grid’s Lockport Substation in the City of Lockport, Niagara County, and its Batavia Substation in the City of Batavia, Genesee County. The Project is National Grid’s proposal to rebuild approximately 21.7 miles of the existing line. The western end of the Project would be immediately east of the first structure (Structure 1-2) of the existing line, which is located just outside the Lockport Substation. The eastern end would be at (and include) the line’s Structure 211 in the Town of Alabama. The Project would rebuild all of existing Line 112 between those two structures, except for an approximately 1.9-mile section thereof (called “Segment 6”) on the site of the Western New York Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park (known as “STAMP”) being developed by the Genesee County Economic Development Center, which is not part of the Project. (The resulting rebuilt portion of the line is referred to as “Rebuilt Line 112.”)

Most of Rebuilt Line 112 would be located along the same centerline as existing Line 112. One segment (called “Segment 4”) would be relocated approximately 0.2 miles to the northeast of the existing line. The new route of Segment 4 would run approximately 2.2 miles along the south side of Lewiston Road (NYS Route 77 in the Town of Alabama) and along the west side of Feeder Ditch Road. Both the existing and the relocated routes of Segment 4 are in the Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area.

The Project includes the replacement of 178 deteriorating steel tri-legged “aeromotor” structures located between Structures 6 and 211 and all existing conductor and shield wire

between Structures 1-2 and 211 (except the Project does not include the structures, conductor and shield wire on Segment 6). The facilities to be replaced are over 110 years old and have reached the end of their service lives. (The portion of Line 112 east of Structure 211 (*i.e.*, from Structure 212 to the Batavia Substation) is supported by wood poles that are in overall good asset condition and do not require replacement.) The Project will bring Line 112 up to current National Electrical Safety Code (“NESC”) standards, which it does not meet in its current condition, and will improve the safety, performance, and reliability of the National Grid transmission system.

The Project also includes: installation of stormwater management features; establishing one or more temporary laydown/staging areas and marshaling yards; and constructing or improving supporting access roads.

Several siting alternatives were analyzed, resulting in the final proposal as described herein. These alternatives will be discussed in Exhibit 3 of the Application.

PROPOSED SITE

The Applicant proposes to locate the Project within and along existing electric transmission ROW. The Applicant will need to acquire additional property rights for the Project in order to (i) expand the width of existing ROW for required clearances; (ii) enhance the Applicant’s rights on existing ROW; and (iii) establish new ROW for the Project. The Applicant may need to acquire additional rights outside of the ROW of the Project to selectively remove trees if they pose a risk. The location of Project facilities will be shown in figures in Exhibit 2 of the Application.

During the course of the proceeding, alternate locations for the proposed facilities not included in the Application filing or affected by the proposed primary location may be offered without further notice by publication. In addition, the Commission may, without further notice by publication, approve a location for the proposed facilities in municipalities not presently affected by the proposed location.

DATE OF FILING

National Grid expects to file the Application with the Commission on or about November 18, 2022.

AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION

A copy of the Application filed with the Commission will be served upon the chief executive officers of Niagara County, Genesee County, the City of Lockport, and the Towns of Lockport, Royalton and Alabama, and will be available in a number of public libraries close to the Project site on or shortly after the date the Application is filed with the Commission. In addition, copies of the Application will be available for public inspection at the Department of Public Service Offices in Albany (Office of Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223).

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

For information or assistance concerning the Application, interested persons may contact the following:

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips

Secretary

State of New York Public Service Commission

Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3

Albany, NY 12223-1350

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Email: secretary@dps.ny.gov

Lockport-Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project Information

Project HotLine: (716) 466-2007

Project Website: www.LockportBataviaTransmission.com

Project Email: Info@LockportBataviaTransmission.com



August 13, 2019

Re: Lockport-Batavia 112 Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Dear Neighbor:

To continue providing safe and reliable electric service to Western New York, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”) is planning to rebuild the electric transmission lines that adjoin your property or residence. The proposed Lockport – Batavia 112 Transmission Line Rebuild Project is located between the Towns of Lockport and Batavia, New York. We are writing you to introduce the project and provide you with information about upcoming survey activities in the project area. This is the first of many notifications that you will receive during the next several years as we work to design, permit, and ultimately construct the project.

As you are aware, National Grid operates the above-referenced electric transmission lines (the “Existing Lines”) near your property. This National Grid right-of-way (“ROW”) is comprised of various property interests held by National Grid, including fee-owned property, easement parcels and other property agreements. These property interests allow National Grid to, among other things, maintain these vital electric facilities.

To this end, National Grid is developing an Article VII application filing with the New York State Public Service Commission (“PSC”) for this proposed Project. During this phase of the Project, National Grid and/or our approved contractor(s) will perform preliminary engineering activities in and along National Grid’s ROW, portions of which are near the subject parcel(s) you own.

These activities will begin this summer and will include field studies such as property surveying, staking, wetland delineations, the marking of underground facilities, and soil borings. These activities will continue along the ROW throughout 2019. National Grid-approved contractors and employees work to the highest professional and safety standards and are required to carry company photo identification.

We are sharing this information with our ROW neighbors to provide advanced notification of crews that will be in your area. We look forward to your cooperation as we move forward with this important and necessary infrastructure improvement project.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance and understanding in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 315-428-6405.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Sayre". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan Sayre
Stakeholder Relations



November 22, 2021

Re: Lockport-Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project

Dear Neighbor:

To continue providing safe and reliable electric service to Western New York, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) is working to upgrade and rebuild the electric transmission lines near your property. We are sharing this information to provide advanced notification of crews that will be in the area.

What is the Lockport–Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project?

National Grid's Lockport–Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project is a proposed transmission line project that will rebuild aging electric transmission lines. The rebuild will focus on the northern 20 miles of existing 115,000 volt (or, 115kV) electric transmission lines, traversing the City of Lockport and the Towns of Lockport, Royalton, and Alabama, in Genesee and Niagara Counties, New York. Once constructed, the newly rebuilt transmission lines will provide enhanced electric reliability for the Western New York region.

What work is occurring?

National Grid is planning to start pre-construction activities along the right-of-way (ROW) in the next few weeks. Work will continue for approximately one week and includes cultural resource surveys.

Field crews conducting cultural resource surveys will work along the ROW. The crews will be digging test pits using shovels and other non-mechanized equipment to look for cultural resources at specific locations, locations will be accessed via pickup trucks and any disturbed areas will be restored.

What are the next steps?

During the next few weeks, you may see National Grid employees and/or approved contractors on the ROW and access roads. Approved contractors and employees work to the highest professional and safety standards and are required to carry company photo identification. Additionally, for the safety of all involved, our contractors and personnel will adhere to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and New York State Department of Health COVID-19 guidance.

As the project progresses, you will receive communications from National Grid updating you on project status. We look forward to your cooperation as we move forward with this important infrastructure improvement project. If you have any questions, please contact us at 716.466.2007. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Rood".

Amy Rood
National Grid Stakeholder Relations



August 8, 2022

Re: National Grid's Lockport–Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project – Upcoming Fieldwork

Dear Neighbor:

To continue providing safe and reliable electric service to Western New York, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) is working to upgrade and rebuild an electric transmission line near your property. We are sharing this information to provide advanced notification of crews that will be in the area.

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National Grid's Lockport–Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project is a proposed transmission line project that will rebuild aging electric transmission line in Western New York. The rebuild will focus on approximately 20 miles of existing 115,000 volt (or, 115kV) electric transmission line, traversing the City of Lockport and the Towns of Lockport, Royalton, and Alabama, in Genesee and Niagara Counties, New York. Once constructed, the newly rebuilt transmission line will provide enhanced electric reliability for the region.

What work is occurring?

National Grid's project team is planning to review the project right-of-way (ROW), in person, starting August 23. The review will take approximately three days. The review is non-invasive, and the ROW will be accessed via all terrain vehicles. Prior to the review the ROW will be mowed and staked; as a result, you may see stakes or flags in the ROW.

What are the next steps?

During the next few weeks, you may see National Grid approved contractors and employees on the ROW and access roads. Approved contractors work to the highest professional and safety standards and are required to carry company photo identification.

As the project progresses, you will receive communications from National Grid updating you on project status. We look forward to your understanding as we move forward with this important infrastructure improvement project. If you have any questions, please contact us at **716.466.2007**.

Sincerely,

Amy Rood
National Grid Stakeholder Relations



MONTH DAY, 2022

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Re: Lockport-Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project

Dear Neighbor:

I am writing to provide you with information on a project that National Grid is proposing to the New York State Public Service Commission (“PSC”): the Lockport-Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project (“Project”). The Project would rebuild an existing electric transmission line in the City of Lockport, and the Towns of Lockport, Royalton and Alabama, New York.

Specifically, National Grid proposes to reconstruct an approximately 22-mile section of its existing Lockport-Batavia #112 115,000-volt (or, 115kV) transmission line. The Project is needed because the existing transmission line is nearing the end of its useful life. More information on the Project and permitting process can be found in the Fact Sheet and Public Notice included with this letter and on the Project’s website at www.LockportBataviaTransmission.com.

The Project is subject to Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law, which requires National Grid to obtain a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the PSC before starting construction. The Article VII process engages environmental and community interests in a comprehensive manner, and involves public outreach, review, and monitoring by the PSC.

On or shortly after the date the application is filed with the PSC, the Article VII application will be available for public review on the PSC’s website (www.dps.ny.gov) and in a number of public libraries close to the Project site. Links to the application documents will also be available on our Project website. As part of our outreach efforts, we anticipate holding public information sessions in a timeframe to allow interested parties to gather more details and ask questions about this important Project.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Project, please contact me at (716) 466-2007. Thank you for your time and understanding with this important infrastructure project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Rood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Rood

Lockport – Batavia 112 Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Article VII Fact Sheet
November 2022

Our commitment to our customers and communities begins by providing safe, reliable service, and meeting the increasing demand for energy. To that end, National Grid will be making significant investments in our electric infrastructure to assure reliability and to meet customer needs in Western New York.

About the Project

To continue providing safe and reliable electric service to Western New York, National Grid is planning to rebuild the electric transmission lines that are near your property or residence. The proposed Lockport – Batavia 112 Transmission Line Rebuild Project is located in the City of Lockport, and the Towns of Lockport, Royalton, and Alabama, New York.

Project Schedule

Late Fall 2022: Article VII Application Submittal
April 2025: Anticipated Construction Start
March 2027: Anticipated Construction Completion

Permitting Process Overview

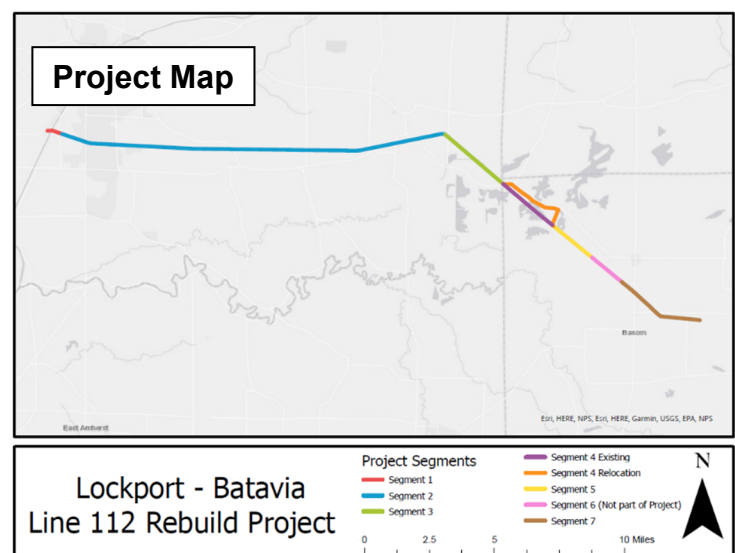
National Grid will need to obtain permits and approvals from state and federal agencies in order to begin construction. National Grid is submitting an application to the New York Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.

How to Subscribe to the PSC Service List

Once a project files an Article VII application, it is assigned a case number. If you would like to subscribe to a service list and receive updates on an Article VII project, a Service List Request Form can be downloaded from the PSC directly. Requests to be added to a project's service list can be filed anytime while a docket remains open with the PSC.

ARTICLE VII PROCESS

1. An application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) is submitted to the Public Service Commission.
2. The application is deemed complete and Public Statement Hearings and Public Information Forums are held.
3. If a Certificate is issued by the PSC, it will contain conditions on how the Project is to be built.
4. An Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP) is developed, detailing how the Project will be built and is filed with the PSC.
5. Once the EM&CP is approved by the PSC, public notifications will be required. A Notice to Proceed is issued before construction may begin.
6. During construction, the Project will be monitored by regulators until restoration is complete. Post-construction monitoring may also be required.



Questions? Get in touch:

716-466-2007 (Toll-Free)

www.LockportBataviaTransmission.com

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**APPENDIX C
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN**

ATTACHMENT C-4: PROJECT NOTIFICATION LETTER: GEOTECHNICAL FIELD STUDIES

Lockport – Batavia 112 Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Geotechnical Field Investigations
February 2021

Dear Neighbor,

We are writing to inform you that National Grid and its contractors will be performing geotechnical field investigations in your area. This work is to support the development and design of the Lockport – Batavia 112 Transmission Line Rebuild Project (“Project”).

Starting in February 2021, National Grid contractors will be assessing soil and rock near the Project’s proposed transmission structures to evaluate conditions on the right-of-way. Crews will utilize a geotechnical drill rig to create soil borings that will provide information used in transmission structure foundation design.

The rig will be mounted on tires or tracks, whichever is best suited for the terrain, and may remain on-site for approximately 1 to 2 days per structure location. Minimal noise will be heard from the drill rig’s diesel engine and driven soil sampler. Throughout the process, a support vehicle, such as a pick-up truck or UTV, may be used to carry materials and supplies back and forth from the main roadways. Water trucks may also be used at the site to provide water during this operation.

Matting will be used where needed to reduce the impact of ground disturbance. Wood mats may also be used temporarily to protect agricultural or environmentally sensitive areas. Any disturbances such as holes or ruts, will be restored by the contractor. Some vegetation trimming or removal, though minor, may be needed to access some of the sampling locations.

Safety is top priority for National Grid. All National Grid contractors are required to carry photo identification, and will follow the latest COVID-19 requirements and guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact our team using the information listed below. Thank you in advance for your understanding during this phase of the Project.

Questions? Get in touch:

716-466-2007 (Toll-Free)

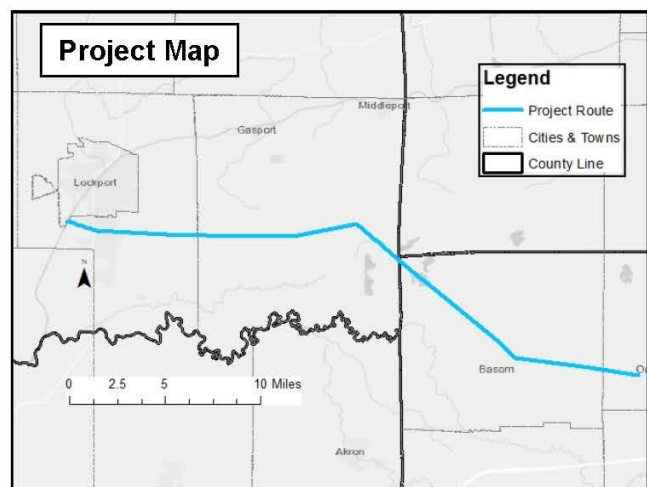
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KEY PROJECT ELEMENTS

- **What:** 20-mile 115 kV transmission line rebuild project
- **Purpose:** Replace aging electric infrastructure
- **Where:** Lockport, Royalton, Alabama, Oakfield
- **When:** Construction anticipated to start Winter 2024/2025
- **Phase:** Project development/design

FIELD INVESTIGATIONS QUICK FACTS

- **Purpose:** Assess soil conditions in stations and the Project right-of-way
- **Timing:** February 2021 – Early Spring 2021
- **Hours:** Monday – Friday, 7 AM – 5 PM
- **Access:** National Grid right-of-way from main road crossings
- **Other:** Matting may be used and disturbances will be restored



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**APPENDIX C
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ATTACHMENT C-5: PROJECT NOTIFICATION LETTER PER PSL §122(2)(c)



NOTICE UNDER PSL §122(2)(c)
November 18, 2022

BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

TO ALL LANDOWNERS OF LAND ON WHICH ANY PORTION OF THE FACILITY PROPOSED IN NATIONAL GRID'S PUBLIC SERVICE LAW ARTICLE VII CERTIFICATE APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IS TO BE LOCATED:

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid ("National Grid") intends to file an application (the "Application") on or about November 18, 2022 with the New York State Public Service Commission ("PSC") pursuant to Public Service Law Article VII requesting a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to allow National Grid to construct and operate its proposed Lockport-Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project in the Counties of Niagara and Genesee, New York ("Project").

National Grid's existing Lockport-Batavia Line 112 is a 115kV electric transmission line approximately 35 miles in length, running between National Grid's Lockport Substation in the City of Lockport, Niagara County, and its Batavia Substation in the City of Batavia, Genesee County. The Project is National Grid's proposal to rebuild approximately 21.7 miles of the existing line. The western end of the Project would be immediately east of the first structure (Structure 1-2) of the existing line, which is located just outside the Lockport Substation. The eastern end would be at (and include) the line's Structure 211 in the Town of Alabama. The Project would rebuild all of existing Line 112 between those two structures, except for an approximately 1.9-mile section thereof (called "Segment 6") on the site of the Western New York Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park (known as "STAMP") being developed by the Genesee County Economic Development Center, which is not part of the Project. (The resulting rebuilt portion of the line is referred to as "Rebuilt Line 112.") Most of Rebuilt Line 112 would be located along the same centerline as existing Line 112. One segment (called "Segment 4") would be relocated approximately 0.2 miles to the northeast of the existing line. The new route of Segment 4 would run approximately 2.2 miles along the south side of Lewiston Road (NYS Route 77 in the Town of Alabama) and along the west side of Feeder Ditch Road. Both the existing and the relocated routes of Segment 4 are in the Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area.

Your property may be impacted by this Project.

After the Application has been filed and the PSC has assigned it a case number, interested persons who wish to participate as parties in this case may file a notice of intent to be a party in the case. This may be done through the PSC's web site. From the home page of the PSC's web site (<http://www.dps.ny.gov>), a prospective party should click on "Search". Under "Popular Searches", select "Latest Cases/Matters started". In the "Search" section on the right side of the web page that appears, enter "Lockport-Batavia Line 112". Then, in the "Search Results" at the bottom of the

page, click on the Case/Matter number on the left side. This will bring the user to the main Document and Matter Management (DMM) page for this case. On that page, the prospective party should click the button at the upper right labeled “Request for Party Status” to see a web page with instructions for the procedures to follow to become a party. The timeframe for filing a request to be a party to this case is throughout the pendency of the case.

Ways to Comment to the Commission:

Via the Internet or Mail: The public may submit comments by email to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail to Secretary Phillips at the New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Comments may also be entered directly into the case file for this matter by clicking on the button at the upper right labeled “Post Comments” on the main DMM page for this case (see above).

Via the Commission’s Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission’s Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive in-state calls 24 hours a day. These calls are not transcribed but a summary is provided to the Administrative Law Judge who will report to the Commission.

All comments should refer to the case number. All comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Comments will be accepted throughout the pendency of this case. Also on the main DMM page for this case (see above), one can click on the “Public Comments” tab to read written comments, and on the “Filed Documents” tab to see other documents such as the application and transcripts of public statement hearings. A copy of the Application will be available in a number of public libraries close to the Project site on or shortly after the date the Application is filed with the Commission. In addition, copies of the Application will be available for public inspection at the Department of Public Service Offices in Albany (Office of Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223). Many libraries offer free internet service, which can be used to obtain access to the Commission’s website, including the DMM.