

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 02-T-0036 - Application of Neptune Regional Transmission System LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of two 600 megawatt (+/- 500kV) High-voltage Direct-current Submarine/ underground electric transmission cables to Connect Load Centers in New York with Transmission and Generation Resources in New Jersey.

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS

(Issued July 27, 2004)

On January 23, 2004, the Public Service Commission granted a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) to Neptune Regional Transmission System, LLC (Neptune) authorizing, subject to conditions, the construction and operation of the New York portion of a 600 megawatt electric transmission facility (including associated equipment) that would extend from New Jersey to the Long Island Power Authority's Newbridge Road substation in the Town of Hempstead, New York. In an application filed July 26, 2004, Neptune requests that the Certificate be amended in four respects:

1. to modify the cable route such that the submarine cable will make landfall on Jones Island directly from the Atlantic Ocean, rather than passing through Jones Inlet and Hempstead Bay and making landfall on the bay side;
2. to modify the cable route within the Lower New York Bay such that the submarine cable will be installed parallel to an existing natural gas pipeline for 12.5 miles in New York waters, reducing the overall submarine route by two miles;
3. to substitute a different cable design for the high voltage direct current cable system included in the original application; and

4. to authorize the use of Pirelli's Hydro-Plow for submarine cable burial in addition to the use of Nexans' CapJet cable burial system.

Neptune claims that a hearing is not required by §123(2) of the Public Service Law on its application for a Certificate amendment.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person wishing to comment on the application may do so by sending an original and five copies of such comments (to be received by August 17, 2004) to Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. A copy of the comments should also be served on all active parties to this proceeding in-hand on the same date.

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JACLYN A. BRILLING
Secretary