

2. I hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering and Sustainability Studies from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

3. I have testified before the Public Service Commission in the rate proceedings as part of the Staff SIR Panel regarding Consolidated Edison Company in Case 25-S-0741; New York State Electric & Gas Corporation in Cases 25-E-0375, 25-G-0378; Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation 25-E-0379, 25-G-0380; Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation in Cases 24-E-0461, 24-G-0462, 23-E-0418, and 23-G-0419; National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation in Case 23-G-0627; and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid in Cases 24-E-0322 and 24-G-0323. I have also testified in siting cases including 24-T-0133.

4. Staff is in support of a Joint Proposal filed with the Commission on or about May 27, 2026, in the above-captioned proceeding, Case 25-T-0184 (Joint Proposal).

5. On March 14, 2025, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Applicant) filed its Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to Public Service Law (PSL) Article VII to rebuild and replace its existing 115 kilovolt (kV) that runs approximately 60.9 miles from the Black River Substation in the Town of LeRay, Jefferson County to the Clay Substation in the Town of Clay in Onondaga County, New York. Appendix B to the Joint Proposal describes the location of the Project.

6. As a member of the DPS Staff team, I reviewed the following Application Exhibits: Exhibit 2 (Location of Facilities), Exhibit 3 (Alternatives), Exhibit 4 (Environmental

Impact), Exhibit 5 (Design Drawings), Exhibit 7 (Local Laws), Exhibit 8 (Other Pending Filings), and Exhibit 9 (Costs of the Proposed Facility), the Electric Line Exhibits E-1 (Description of Proposed Transmission Line), E-2 (Other Facilities), E-3 (Underground Construction), E-4 (Engineering Justification), E-5 (Effect on Communications), and E-6 (Effect on Transportation), and Appendices A (Agency Correspondence), B (Testimony), D (Invasive Species), E (Invasive Species), and F (Cultural Resources Avoidance, Minimization, and Mitigation Plan).

7. I reviewed the above exhibits for the following issues: co-located infrastructure, different routes and configurations, wetland and stream impacts, threatened and endangered species impacts, invasive species, proposed construction practices and processes and their impact on the environment and local communities, proposed construction and maintenance practices and processes and reliability and electric transmission maintenance, the need for the Project, the impact to cultural and historical resources, and consistency with federal permitting regimes, such as the Clean Water Act, the impact to agricultural lands, and New York State substantive environmental protections.

8. After the deficiencies in National Grid's Application were cured on October 23, 2025 and National Grid filed its settlement notice on November 4, 2025, I participated in all of the settlement meetings noted in the Joint Proposal narrative on behalf of DPS Staff.

9. During the course of our review of the Application and participation in settlement negotiations, we raised issues related to wetland and stream impacts, threatened and endangered species impacts, invasive species, proposed construction

practices and processes and their impact on the environment and local communities, vegetation management, agricultural impacts, and general design questions regarding the transmission line and station facilities.

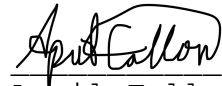
10. Throughout the course of settlement, the participating parties discussed and exchanged drafts of the Joint Proposal, including Ordering Clauses and Environmental Management & Construction Plan (EM&CP) Specifications and associated guidance documents. Many of these modifications and additions were incorporated into the final Joint Proposal and its Appendices.

11. All of the issues raised by the parties were resolved and are reflected in the Joint Proposal and its Appendices. For example, the Proposed Certificate Conditions in Appendix D require establishment of spill prevention and response protocols (Conditions 103-07), maintaining compliance with erosion and sediment control (Conditions 55-58), establishment of oversight of construction activities (Conditions 63-71), protection of threatened and endangered species (Conditions 87-97), protection of nearby wetlands and waterbodies (Conditions 98-102), protection of agricultural resources (Conditions 110) and coordination with municipalities (Conditions 10, 11, 34, 51, 76-78).

12. On behalf of DPS Staff, I believe the terms of the Joint Proposal are reasonable and consistent with the Commission's previous adoption of Joint Proposals in PSL Article VII proceedings, the record is adequate to justify adoption of all the terms of the Joint Proposal, and Commission approval of the Joint Proposal is in the public interest.

AFFIRMATION

I affirm this 17 day of June, 2026, under the penalties of perjury under the laws of New York, which may include fine or imprisonment, that the foregoing is true, except as to matters alleged on information and belief and as to those matters I believe it to be true, and I understand that this document will be filed before the New York State Public Service Commission and may be filed in an action or proceeding in a court of law.



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