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## **PSC Advances Five Clean Energy and Two Grid Resiliency Projects**

### **Project Amendments Will Enhance and Strengthen Electric Grid**

**ALBANY** — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved certain new phases of construction or amendments to five clean energy wind and solar farms and two transmission projects to enhance and strengthen the reliability of the electric grid.

“The Commission continues its thoughtful and well-reasoned approval process regarding clean energy projects and related transmission lines to meet the important deadlines set forth by the Climate Act,” **said Commission Chair Rory M. Christian.** “Taken together, these projects represent an advancement for New York State’s energy market.”

The decisions today include:

- **Alle-Catt Wind:** The Commission adopted the terms of a joint proposal in the Alle-Catt Wind transmission line proceeding. Alle-Catt will construct, own, and operate a transmission line for the 340-megawatt wind electric generating facility in Cattaraugus County. The transmission facility will be an approximately 10 mile-long, 345 kV overhead facility connecting the wind farm to the new Lime Lake substation in the Town of Yorkshire, Cattaraugus County.
- **National Grid Transmission:** The Commission approved removal and replacement of wooden structures with galvanized steel structures from an existing 115-kV overhead electrical transmission facility located in the Town of Portland, Chautauqua County, to National Grid’s existing Falconer Substation located in the Town of Ellicott, Chautauqua County. The Commission also approved removal and replacement of wooden structures with galvanized steel structures to the Utility’s existing 345-kV transmission line located in the towns of Yorkshire, Machias, Franklinville, Humphrey, Ischua, Delavan, and Hinsdale, Cattaraugus County, the Town of Genesee, Allegany County, and the towns of Elma, Marilla, Wales, Colden, Aurora, West Falls, and Sardinia, Erie County. These amendments were necessary to allow National Grid to replace the damaged structures to maintain the safety and reliability of the existing transmission lines.
- **Sunrise Wind:** The Commission approved the Environmental Management and Construction Plan submitted by Sunrise Wind LLC, an offshore wind farm off Long Island, to commence construction of certain construction activities for the second phase of the Sunrise Wind New

York cable project. The second phase includes onshore converter station-direct current electric work; installation of the onshore transmission cable; and installation of the onshore interconnection cable, among other items.

- **Champlain Hudson Express:** The Commission allowed Champlain Hudson Power Express, Inc. to construct and install approximately 20.9 miles of overland transmission in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County and the Town of Catskill, Greene County within or adjacent to the CSX Rail right-of-way known as segment 10.
- **Garnet Energy:** The Commission approves compliance filings for clearing and grading of the Garnet Energy Center, LLC project, a 200-megawatt (MW) solar farm in the Town of Conquest, Cayuga County.
- **Hecate Energy:** The Commission approved compliance filings for Hecate Energy Greene 1 LLC, Hecate Energy Greene 2 LLC, and Hecate Energy Greene County 3 LLC, a 50-MW solar farm in the Town of Coxsackie, Greene County.

## **New York State's Nation-Leading Climate Plan**

New York State's nation-leading climate agenda calls for an orderly and just transition that creates family-sustaining jobs, continues to foster a green economy across all sectors and ensures that at least 35 percent, with a goal of 40 percent, of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities. Guided by some of the nation's most aggressive climate and clean energy initiatives, New York is on a path to achieving a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70 percent renewable energy generation by 2030, and economywide carbon neutrality by mid-century. A cornerstone of this transition is New York's unprecedented clean energy investments, including more than \$52 billion in 118 large-scale renewable and transmission projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce building emissions, \$3.3 billion to scale up solar, nearly \$3 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$2 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. These and other investments are supporting more than 165,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector in 2021 and over 3,000 percent growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, New York also adopted zero-emission vehicle regulations, including requiring all new passenger cars and light-duty trucks sold in the State be zero emission by 2035. Partnerships are continuing to advance New York's climate action with nearly 400 registered and more than 100 certified Climate Smart Communities, nearly 500 Clean Energy Communities, and the State's largest community air monitoring initiative in 10 disadvantaged communities across the state to help target air pollution and combat climate change.

Today's decisions may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) and entering Case Numbers 21-T-0059 [Alle-Catt Wind]; 23-T-0588/23-T-0539 [National Grid Transmission]; 20-T-0617 [Sunrise Wind]; 10-T-0139 [Champlain Hudson Express]; 20-F-0043 [Garnet Energy] and 17-F-0619 [Hecate Energy] in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission documents may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500). If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.