

3. I have testified in the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) electric rate case 24-E-0322 as part of the Staff Electric Infrastructure and Operations Panel. I have also testified in Siting cases 25-T-0262 and 25-T-0178.

4. I offer this affidavit 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 or JP).

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 5 (Design Drawings), 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), Appendices A (Agency Correspondence), B (Testimony), the May 5, 2025 electromagnetic field (EMF) report, and the New York State Independent System Operator, Inc. correspondence indicating that a System Impact Study is not needed.

7. I reviewed the above exhibits for the following issues: need, constructability, routing and possible alternate routing of the project and location of facilities; reasonableness of the projected project costs; if there is any need to underground the project; confirmation that the project meets all electromagnetic field standards, reliability standards, and all other state, regional, and federal standards.

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. 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.

10. 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 that National Grid adhere to applicable engineering and electrical codes (Condition 9) and design and construct the project to comply with the Commission's EMF standards (Condition 16).

11. Additionally, the Project will be designed, engineered, and constructed in accordance with all applicable engineering codes and standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the National Electric Safety Code (NEC), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), NYISO, the Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC), and the New York State Reliability Council (NYSRC).

12. The project will use Aluminum Conductor Steel Supported (ACSS) overhead electrical lines. Utilizing ACSS allows for the conductor to operate at higher temperatures, which allows for a greater increase in electrical current. Increasing the circuit's operating current allows greater power delivery without increasing the voltage of the transmission circuit.

13. 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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