

STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE

CHANGE NOTICE

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TO: JASON ZEHR
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OFFICE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SITING AND ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION

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SUBJECT: CASE 21-T-0340 - Application of New York Power Authority and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Rebuild of Approximately 100 Linear Miles of Existing 230 kV to Either 230 kV or 345 kV along with Associated Substation Upgrades Along the Existing NYPA Moses-Willis 1&2, Willis-Patnode, Willis-Ryan, and National Grid's Adirondack-Porter 11, 12 and 13 Lines in Clinton, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Lewis, and Oneida Counties, New York.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of NYPA Change Notice 046 as Requested.

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In accordance with Certificate Condition 35 of the Order Approving New York Power Authority's (NYPA) and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid's Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, NYPA has notified Staff of the Department of Public Service (DPS Staff) of a proposed minor change. The Order approving NYPA's Environmental Management & Construction Plan (EM&CP) for Case 21-T-0340; Segment 1, was issued September 16, 2022; Segment 2, was issued March 17, 2023; and Segment 3, was issued August 17, 2023.

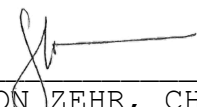
NYPA Change Notice 046 - The change as proposed by NYPA seeks to expand the limits-of-disturbance (LOD) inside existing rights-of-way (ROW) at two locations in the Towns of Chateaugay, Franklin County, and Croghan, Lewis County respectively. These changes in construction access are prompted by instances of destructive trespass experienced by NYPA that are thwarting efforts to reach final stabilization, and to establish temporary construction matting in support of wire pulling operations.

The work pad housing Structures 86/2E and 86/2W (86/2EW) which calls for revegetation through scarification, has continually been disturbed by unauthorized access and third-party disturbance of all-terrain vehicles, impacting NYPA's stabilization efforts. To address the disturbance, NYPA is requesting to expand the LOD in a southerly direction off the 86/2EW work pad to accommodate installation of snow fencing to act as a barrier to unauthorized vehicular access. Upon establishing the barrier to access, NYPA will re-grade the area, import topsoil, and stabilize with seed, mulch, and erosion control blanket as appropriate in efforts to permanently revegetate the area.

Additionally, NYPA requests to expand the existing LOD in the vicinity of the new Willis Substation to accommodate wire pulling operations. NYPA requests to establish additional construction matting east of Structure 1/1N on the Willis-Patnode ROW, on the north side of the existing matted access road. The location of the existing matted access road and the LOD expansion is within an active agricultural field, to which NYPA confirms it has consulted with Staff of the Department of Agriculture and Markets, to which no concerns were raised. NYPA confirms the LOD expansions are within existing NYPA rights-of-way, and that no new property rights are required.

DPS Staff has reviewed this proposed minor change in the field and believes it does not result in any net increase of adverse environmental impact associated with this Project, nor is it directly related to any contested issues decided during the proceeding. It is recommended that this change be approved and NYPA be so notified.

REVIEWED & APPROVED:



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Attachments

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT & CONSTRUCTION PLAN

NOTICE OF CHANGE

Project:	Smart Path Connect Project	PSC Case #	21-T-0340
EM&CP Location:	291027 221-HA1-7T75T and 2910202 221 WPN1-7T01	USACE Permit #	NA
Location:	HA1 Right-of-Way and WPN1 Right-of-Way	Change #	NYPA EM&CP Change 046

Feature(s) Changed:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Page No.</u>	<u>Changes Proposed</u>
1	86/2	291027 221-HA1-7T75T	LOD expansion to support the stabilization of the scarified work pad
2	1/1N	2910202 221 WPN1-7T01	LOD expansion to support wire pulling activities
3	1/1N	2910202 221 WPN1-7T01	Updated drawing revision for new easement from 1/1N to Willis Annex.

Rationale for Change:

These proposed changes are necessary to: **Item 1** – to support the permanent stabilization of a scarified work pad. **Item 2** – to support construction activities. **Item 3** – provide updated drawing revision for record.

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PSC Verbal Approval by:		Date:
PSC Written Approval by:		Date:
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Corps Verbal Approval by:		Date:
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Plan & Profile Drawing Number: 291027 221-HA1-7T75T	
Item 1: LOD expansion south of scarified work pad 86/2 • The southern edge of the scarified pad for Structures 86/2 E and W has experienced erosion due to 3rd party ATV traffic exacerbated by rainfall. Large rills have developed adjacent to the LOD within an unvegetated sandy slope that 3rd party ATV's use as travel lanes to access the scarified work pad for recreational purposes. No water resources were impacted by this erosion to-date. • NYPA proposes the following to complete the stabilization of scarified pad 86/2: ○ Expand the LOD from the southern edge of the pad partially down the unvegetated slope (shown in light-blue shading on the drawing below) to allow the contractor to grade-out the rills adjacent to the pad. Because this slope is currently unvegetated and receives excessive 3rd party traffic, NYPA does not propose stabilization of the slope within the expanded LOD area. ○ Install reinforced snow fencing as a traffic barrier around the perimeter of the current LOD (existing scarified pad highlighted in red below). The barrier will remain in place until 80% vegetative growth is achieved. ○ Import topsoil from the topsoil stockpile at NYPA's nearby Adirondack Substation project and place topsoil, seed, and erosion control blanket specified in the drawing within the reinforced snow fencing from the southern edge of the pad towards the center of the pad. The remainder of the pad that does not require erosion control blanket will be stabilized with topsoil, seed, and straw, where necessary. • NYSDEC and DPS approved this proposed scope via email on 5/29/25. Land Classification: Upland	

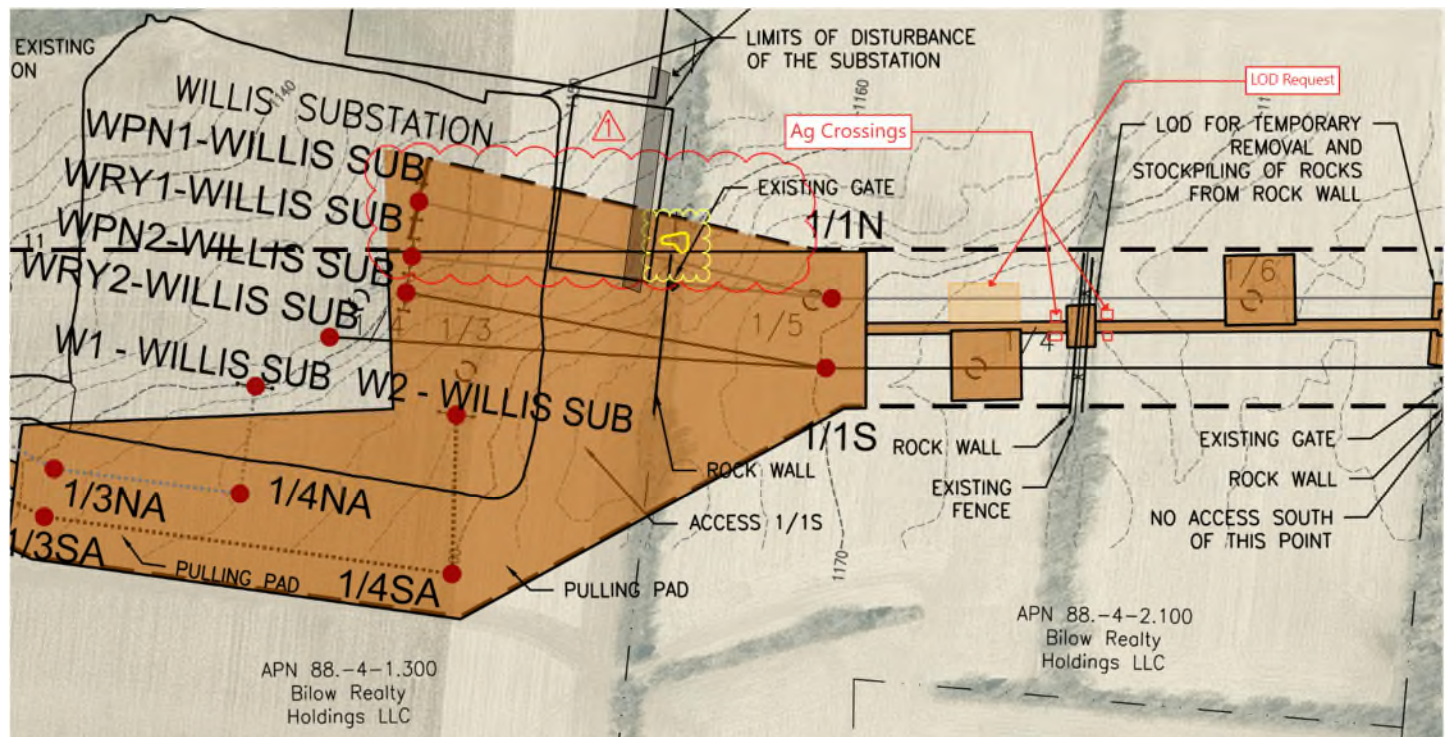


Plan & Profile Drawing Number: 2910202 221 WPN1-7T01

Item 2: LOD expansion east of 1/1N work pad

- The contractor has requested additional LOD for temporary matting east of WPN1 1/1N as shown in light-orange below. This area is needed to place equipment for the final wire pull into the new Willis Substation A-Frame. This area is located in a corn field owned by Bilow Realty Holdings, LLC.
- The Agricultural Operator has been compensated for the additional LOD.
- DPS and AGM provided verbal approval for the additional LOD on 4/18/25 and 4/21/25, respectively.

Land Classification: Agriculture



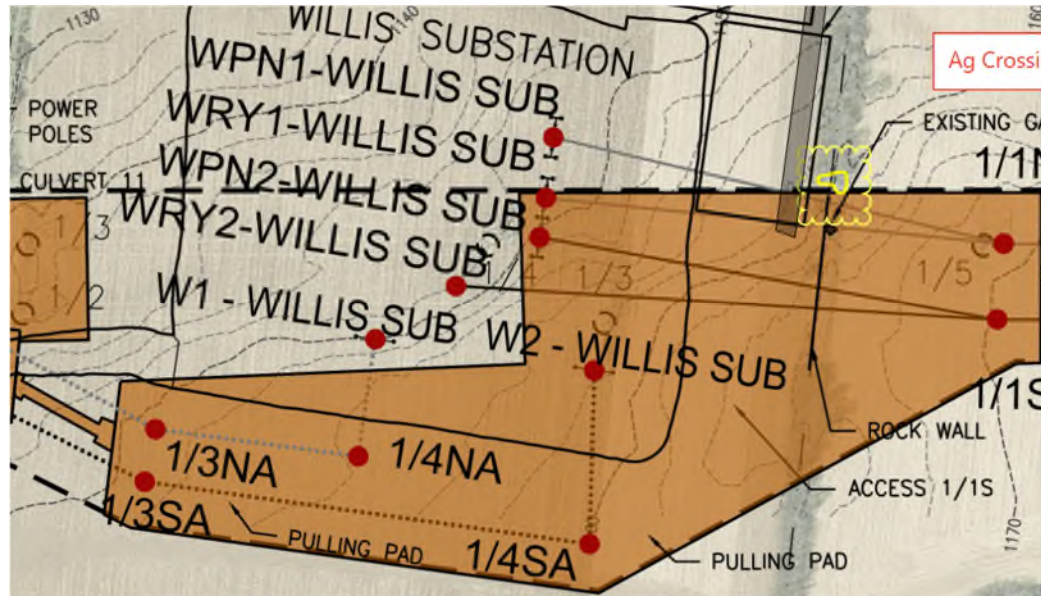
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Item 3: Drawing Revision for new Easement

- Drawing revision update to depict easement acquired in September 2022 to the north from 1/1N to Willis Annex. This area is owned by Bilow Realty Holdings, LLC.
- The landowner has been previously compensated for the additional easement.

Land Classification: Agriculture

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