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PSC Advances Multiple Transmission Projects to Support Grid Reliability and Climate Goals

Proposed Propel NY Downstate Transmission Line Project Among Those Receiving Approvals

NEW YORK – The Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) today advanced various approvals needed for the construction of multiple electric transmission projects throughout the state. Five total projects, including the proposed Propel NY transmission line, will progress to either commence certain construction activities or seek additional approvals from the Commission.

Public Service Commission Chair Rory Christian said, "The combination of these projects together represent tremendous enhancements to the reliability of the interconnected grid consumers depend on. Achieving the state's climate goals while preserving grid reliability and affordability for all New Yorkers hinges on the availability of infrastructure to transport power to meet demand across the state."

Today's decisions exemplify the stages of review and scrutiny required to develop large-scale transmission projects in New York, which ensure environmental and other concerns expressed through the public input process and identified as part of Department of Public Service (DPS) Staff's review are adequately addressed before a project proceeds. The ability to efficiently transport power from the source of generation to where it is needed by consumers is an essential function of maintaining grid reliability, and also impacts the cost consumers pay for power.

Among the actions taken today are pre-construction permissions necessary for the Propel NY Energy Project (Propel NY) to move ahead. Propel NY consists of approximately 90 miles of new underground transmission lines at both 138 and 345 kilovolts, connecting to nine existing or new substations, and running through Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, Bronx, and Westchester Counties. In September, the Commission determined the project is needed to maintain and enhance system reliability in New York City and on Long Island and granted the project's proposal, which established enforceable conditions that must be met before, during, and after construction, including the Environmental Management and Construction Plans (EM&CPs) required to be authorized by the Commission before construction can begin.

The Reliability Needs Assessment (RNA) issued by the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) this week also found that Long Island reliability would become deficient as early as summer 2030 if not for the benefits from the Propel NY project.

Today, the Commission approved Phases 1 and 2 of the project's EM&CP, which have been available for public consideration and comment since June 22, 2026 and July 10, 2026, respectively. The construction activities in the Phase 1 EM&CP include tree clearing at the New Barrett Substation and New Shore Road Substation in Nassau County, the New Ruland Road Substation in Suffolk County, and the Shore Road Landfall in Nassau County. Tree clearing at each location will be subject to time of year restrictions for specified wildlife species. Phase 2 permits commencement of installation of conduit using horizontal direction drilling methods at the Shore Road Landfall in the Hamlet of Glenwood Landing in the Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, and the Hudson Park and Beach Landfall in the City of New Rochelle, Westchester County.

Department of Public Service (DPS) Staff and Staff of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) conducted field reviews and provided comments and recommendations which the project addressed ahead of this decision. The Commission determined that the Phase 1 and Phase 2 EM&CP provisions are designed to ensure safe and environmentally compatible preparation of sites in advance of the construction activities, and the Commission's Orders approving each Phase address public comments received.

Other approvals by the Commission today include:

- A petition by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN) pursuant to Article VII of Public Service Law (PSL) to rebuild and partially reroute an existing 115-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line extending approximately 35 miles from the Hillside Substation in the City of Elmira to the South Owego Substation in the Town of Owego related to the Southern Tier Area Reliability West Project. The Commission found the terms of the proposal are reasonable and the proposed certificate conditions are adequate to protect the public interest and to ensure potential negative impacts of the project are avoided or minimized. The project will also need to seek EM&CP approval from the Commission.
- Three EM&CPs approving certain construction activities for the transmission line portions of the following three Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid's (National Grid) projects:

    - The Beaver River - Porter 115kV Transmission Rebuild Project, related to construction of an approximately 60 mile transmission line from the new Beaver River Substation in the Town of Croghan, Lewis County, to the existing Porter Substation in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County.
    - Part 2 of National Grid's EM&CP for rebuilding portions of several existing 115 kV transmission lines extending approximately 28.6 miles from the South Oswego Substation in the City of Oswego to the approved Tar Hill Substation in the Town of Albion. The broader project also involves construction of the proposed Duer Street Substation in the City of Oswego and the proposed Maiden Lane Substation in the Town of Scriba.
    - Part 2 of National Grid's EM&CP for The Black River-Clay 115kV Transmission Rebuild Project seeking to reconstruct approximately 60.9 miles of 115kV Transmission Line running from the Black River Substation in the Town of LeRay, Jefferson County, to the Clay Substation, in the Town of Clay, Onondaga County, and the construction of a new Staplin Creek Substation in the Town of Rutland, Jefferson County.

All three EM&CPs approved today include a plan for receiving and addressing public complaints, describe protections for environmental concerns such as waterbodies and wildlife, provide details concerning construction activities, identify and minimize the disruptive effects of construction, and describe cleanup and restoration procedures following construction.

Today’s decisions may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission’s website at www.dps.ny.gov and entering Case Numbers 25-T-0080; 24-T-0446; 25-T-0184; 25-T-0178; or 25-T-0049 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.

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