

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held in the City of  
New York on October 16, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Rory M. Christian, Chair  
James S. Alesi  
David J. Valesky  
John B. Maggiore  
Uchenna S. Bright  
Denise M. Sheehan  
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CASE 24-T-0120 - Petition of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation  
d/b/a National Grid for a Certificate of  
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need,  
Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service  
Law, for the 345 kV Underground Service  
Transmission Laterals between the Expanded Clay  
Substation and Micron Technology Fabrication  
Areas.

ORDER APPROVING ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN  
SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

(Issued and Effective October 22, 2025)

BY THE COMMISSION:

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On October 16, 2025, the Public Service Commission  
(Commission) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility  
and Public Need (Certificate) to Niagara Mohawk Power  
Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Certificate  
Holder).<sup>1</sup> The Order authorizes National Grid to construct,  
operate, and maintain 8 new, 345 Kilovolt (kV) electric

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<sup>1</sup> Case 24-T-0120, Order Adopting Terms of a Joint Proposal  
(issued October 16, 2025) (Order).

underground transmission lines (Project or Facility) extending between 0.95 and 2.07 miles between the Clay Substation to the Micron Technology Semiconductor Fabrication Areas (Fabs) in the Town of Clay, Onondaga County, pursuant to the requirements of Article VII of the Public Service Law (PSL). The Facility is needed to extend electric service to the Fabs. National Grid proposes to construct the Facility in four phases, based on the timing of Fab construction.

The Certificate Order contains several requirements for the Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP). The EM&CP must detail the Project's design, construction, and maintenance plans, and environmental controls in accordance with the EM&CP Guidelines set forth in Appendix E to the Certificate. Additionally, Appendix D to the Certificate - the conditions of the Certificate - includes requirements for the content of the EM&CP.

National Grid filed its proposed EM&CP for Phase 1 of the Project (Phase 1 EM&CP) on July 31, 2025. Phase 1 construction includes the installation of the eastern expansion of the Clay Substation, installation of two (2) full length duct banks from Clay Substation to the termination point of Fabrication Area 1 on the Micron Campus, and installation of a portion of the two (2) duct banks for Fabrication Area 2. This Order approves the Phase 1 EM&CP so that National Grid may begin construction of the Facility pursuant to the Certificate and the Conditions of this Order.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Certificate Holder filed its proposed Phase 1 EM&CP on July 31, 2025. National Grid served public notice of the EM&CP filings for review and comment on each party on the Service List and on landowners or residents (if different from

the owners) who own property that abuts or is crossed by the Project route. National Grid made a copy of the proposed Phase 1 EM&CP available at the public repositories listed on the service list per Certificate Conditions 27 through 29. As required by Certificate Conditions 28, National Grid also published notice in two local newspapers of general circulation.

No comments on the Phase 1 EM&CP were received. Department of Public Service staff (DPS staff) provided informal comments and recommendations prior to the July 31, 2025 Phase 1 EM&CP filing.

#### THE EM&CP

National Grid's proposed Phase 1 EM&CP, as filed on July 31, 2025, provides both typical and site-specific techniques, procedures, and requirements to be followed in development of the Project to ensure environmental impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation. The EM&CP identifies and defines the scope of work, including: construction access, trenching and installation of cables, traffic control, threatened and endangered species, wetlands, archaeological resources, co-located infrastructure mitigation, and National Grid's organizational framework to ensure implementation of the EM&CP. The standards for the EM&CP are described in the Joint Proposal and its appendices, particularly the Certificate Conditions (Appendix D of the Certificate), and the EM&CP Specifications (Appendix E of the Certificate).

#### DPS staff

Prior to filing of the Phase 1 EM&CP, DPS staff provided comments and took part in technical meetings with National Grid. Many of the comments DPS staff expressed to National Grid sought clarification and additional details on various portions of the proposed EM&CP, including stormwater

management, environmental monitoring, wetlands and waterbodies, invasives species management, archaeological resources, fuel and chemical handling and spill response, and access road improvements and maintenance and protection of traffic. The Commission is advised that DPS staff's review concluded that the EM&CP, as filed, adequately resolved all pre-filing comments and DPS staff recommends that it be approved by the Commission.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

DPS staff raised various issues and proffered suggestions regarding the details of the proposed EM&CP. National Grid filed the Phase 1 EM&CP on July 31, 2025, incorporating and resolving DPS staff's comments and recommendations.

Based upon its review, DPS staff advises that the Phase 1 EM&CP, as filed, complies with the applicable Certificate Conditions and adheres to the EM&CP Specifications included as Attachment D to the Certificate. DPS staff further advises that, given the specific needs and schedules required for the overall Micron Campus construction, National Grid required approval of its Phase I EM&CP as soon as possible following the Commission's grant of the Certificate.

The Commission finds that the Certificate Holder has adequately addressed the concerns raised by the DPS staff. Based on a review of all the documents filed, the Phase 1 EM&CP for the Project is approved.

The Commission orders:

1. The Environmental Management and Construction Plan for Phase 1 of the 345 kV Underground Service Transmission Laterals between the Expanded Clay Substation and Micron Technology Fabrication Areas (Phase 1 EM&CP), as submitted by

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) on July 31, 2025, is approved subject to Ordering Clause 2 of this Order.

2. National Grid shall not commence construction until it has received a "Notice to Proceed with Construction" letter sent by the Chief of Transmission Siting of the Office of Renewable Energy Siting and Electric Transmission, or their designee.

3. This proceeding is continued.

By the Commission,

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS  
Secretary