

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF A PROPOSED MAJOR CHANGE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR THE SOUND CABLE PROJECT (“Y-49”)

INTRODUCTION

Case 22-T-0351 - Petition of New York Power Authority relating to its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Y-49 345kV Transmission Facility – Formerly Case 70365

The New York Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order Granting Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (“Order”) on May 18, 1988, pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law to the Power Authority of the State of New York d/b/a New York Power Authority (“NYPA”) for the construction and operation of the Sound Cable Project, referred to throughout as “Y-49”. Y-49 is a 345 kilovolt (“kV”) underground and submarine transmission cable between the Sprain Brook substation located in the City of Yonkers, Westchester County, and the East Garden City substation, located in the Town of East Garden City, Nassau County. NYPA developed and submitted several Environmental Management and Construction Plans (“EM&CP”) for Y-49. The Commission approved the EM&CP for the upland portion of Y-49 on February 24, 1989. Y-49 was subsequently constructed and placed into operation.

To address fault occurrences and maintain asset resiliency and reliability of Y-49, NYPA has proposed a change to the EM&CP (the “Project”). Within Nassau County, the Project includes the reconductoring of the transmission cable within existing conduit and installation of additional utility vaults within the road right-of-way (“ROW”). Within both Nassau and Westchester Counties, NYPA will replace, in-kind, the fiber optic communication cable within existing conduit.

PROJECT

The Nassau County portion of Y-49 is located within the Towns of North Hempstead and Port Washington, and Villages of Mineola, Garden City, East Williston, Williston Park, and Kings Point. Y-49 originates at the East Garden City substation, initially proceeding 0.8 miles west along Stewart Avenue before turning north, continuing approximately 9 miles predominantly within the road ROW of Roslyn Road, Mineola Avenue, and West Shore Road until reaching the South Transition Station in the Town of Port Washington. Along this route, NYPA will use existing utility vaults to remove the old electric conductor and pull in the new conductor. Eight new utility vaults will be installed along the existing route and within the road ROW. Construction activity is expected to be primarily in the immediate vicinity of utility vaults within the road ROW.

The existing fiber optic communication cable, which parallels the Y-49 route, will be replaced within Nassau County and Westchester County. In Westchester County, Y-49 traverses the Cities of Yonkers, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, Villages of Tuckahoe and Bronxville, and

Town of Eastchester. Existing utility vaults within the road ROW will be used to pull out the existing fiber optic cable and pull in its replacement.

Pursuant to the terms of the Commission’s 1989 Order, on June 6, 2022, NYPA submitted a request for a change to the EM&CP to the New York State Department of Public Service (“DPS”) staff. On June 13, 2022, NYPA received notice that DPS staff will refer the proposed EM&CP change to the Commission. Ordering Clause 5 of the Order requires that interested parties and affected landowners be notified of the referred EM&CP change and the available comment period.

EM&CP CHANGE

The proposed EM&CP Change provides the scope of work anticipated to complete the Project. NYPA has developed construction procedures and environmental protection measures that it will use on the Project to minimize the environmental impact of this work. The environmental protection measures and explanation of the scope of work related to the Nassau County segment reconductoring, utility vault installation, and both Nassau and Westchester County fiber optic communication replacement, are part of the EM&CP Change package.

An electronic version of the proposed EM&CP Change will be available for public inspection online on the Commission’s Document and Matter Management (“DMM”) page for this case at the following location:

<https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=22-T-0351&CaseSearch=Search>

The EM&CP Change will also be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

Local Libraries

Yonkers Public Library
1 Larkin Center
Yonkers, NY 10701

Port Washington Public Library
Library Drive
Roslyn, NY 11576

Eastchester Public Library
11 Oakridge Place
Eastchester, NY 10709

Bryant Public Library
2 Paper Mill Road
Roslyn, NY 11576

Tuckahoe Public Library
71 Columbus Avenue
Tuckahoe, NY 10707

Mineola Memorial Public Library
195 Marcellus Road
Mineola, NY 11501

Bronxville Public Library
201 Columbus Avenue
Bronxville, NY 10708

Garden City Public Library
60 7th Street
Garden City, NY 11530

New Rochelle Public Library
1 Library Plaza
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Hempstead Public Library
115 James A. Garner Way
Hempstead, NY 11550

COMMENTS

Any person may be heard by the Commission on any matter or objection regarding the proposed EM&CP Change by filing written comments with the Commission. Comments may be filed at the below link by clicking the “Post Comments” button on the case DMM page.

<https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/Comments/PublicComments.aspx?MatterCaseNo=22-T-0351>

Alternately, written comments may be mailed to the Commission Secretary at the below address. Reference Case 22-T-0351 when making any comments.

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SOUND CABLE (Y-49)

Westchester County
 Fiber Optic Replacement

- Underground Cable
- Submerged Cable

Nassau County
 Cable and Fiber Optic Replacement

- Underground Cable
- Submerged Cable

S Substation
 Village Boundary
 Municipal Boundaries

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 Feet

0 0.5 1 2 3 4 5
 Miles

