

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 23-T-0539 - Petition of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid to Amend its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, Issued in Case 26520, for the Homer City to Stolle Road 345 kV Transmission Facility, Located in the Towns of Yorkshire, Machias, Franklinville, Humphrey, Ischua, Delavan, and Hinsdale, Cattaraugus County, the Town of Genesee, Allegany County, and the Towns of Elma, Marilla, Wales, Colden, Aurora, West Falls, and Sardinia, Erie County.

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS

(Issued October 23, 2023)

On December 15, 1975, the Public Service Commission (Commission) granted a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid and New York State Gas and Electric Company (NYSEG) (the Certificate Holders), authorizing, subject to conditions, the construction and operation of the New York State portion of a 200-mile, 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line from Homer City, Pennsylvania to NYSEG's Stolle Road Substation in the Town of Elma, Erie County, New York pursuant to Public Service Law (PSL) Article VII.

In a petition filed on September 25, 2023 (September 2023 Amendment Petition), pursuant to PSL Section 122(4), the Certificate Holders request a Certificate amendment that would authorize changes to Certificate Condition 3. The requested change relates to existing wood pole H-frame structures. The requested amendment would authorize the Certificate Holder to replace decrepit wood poles with galvanized steel structures.

Currently, Certificate Condition 3 reads as follows:

The transmission line shall be constructed on wood pole H-frame structures, except that (a) steel lattice structures may be used at angle points in those areas where construction difficulties make the use of H-frames impractical, (b) double circuit lattice towers shall be used to carry both the 345 kV circuit and an existing 270 kV circuit, for the 2.4 miles of the proposed line running out of the Stolle Road substation, and (c) tubular steel poles may be used for the crossings o the Aurora, Eric County and the Southern Tier Expressway and Route 16 valley in the Town of Hinsdale, Cattaraugus County.

If amended, Condition 3 would allow for the use of galvanized steel structures.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that comments on the September 2023 Amendment Petition are requested by November 13, 2023. Comments should be submitted electronically, by going to www.dps.ny.gov, clicking on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), entering "23-T-0539" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then clicking on the "Post Comments" box located at the top of the page. Those unable to file electronically may mail their comments to the Honorable Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12223-1350. Comments submitted to the Secretary will be posted on the Department's website and will be included in the official case record.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary