

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 23-T-0447 - Petition of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation
d/b/a National Grid to Amend its Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public Need
Granted by Order issued April 18, 1980.

NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS

(Issued September 6, 2023)

On April 18, 1980, the Public Service Commission (Commission) granted a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (the Certificate Holder), authorizing, subject to conditions, the construction and operation of a 14.2 mile, 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission facility between the Coffeen Street Substation in the Town of Watertown and the West Adams Substation in the Town of Adams pursuant to Public Service Law (PSL) Article VII.

In a petition filed on August 15, 2023 (August 2023 Amendment Petition), pursuant to PSL Section 122(4), the Certificate Holder requests a Certificate amendment that would authorize changes to Condition 5. 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 5 reads as follows:

5. The 115 kV line shall be constructed overhead on both H-frame and single shaft, wood poles using 795 kcmil ASCR (or its equivalent) conductor and 3/8-inch 7 strand high-strength galvanized steel overhead ground wire. Necessary work at the Coffeen Street substation and for the proposed new West Adams substation, as generally described in the application, is also included in this certificate.

If amended, Condition 5 would allow for the use of galvanized steel structures.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that comments on the August 2023 Amendment Petition are requested by September 20, 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-0447" 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