

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 25-T-0238 - Petition of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law, for the Southern Tier Area Reliability East Project.

NOTICE INVITING COMMENTS ON MOTION FOR WAIVER
OF CERTAIN APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

(Issued July 1, 2025)

On April 14, 2025, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) filed an application (Application) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law (PSL). If granted, the Certificate would authorize NYSEG to construct, operate, and maintain the Southern Tier Area Reliability East Project (the Project).

NYSEG proposes to rebuild and partially reroute its existing Line 961. Line 961 is a 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line that currently runs for approximately 20 miles from the South Owego Substation in the Town of Owego in Tioga County to the Goudey Substation in the Town of Union in Broome County. The proposed reroute would change the northeastern terminus of Line 961 from the Goudey Substation to NYSEG's proposed Oakdale Substation expansion in the Town of Union.

The Project also includes NYSEG's proposals to rebuild and partially reroute about 6 miles of its 115 kV existing Line 940 and rebuild about 1,500 feet of its 115 kV existing Line 937. The proposed rebuild of Line 940 will start in the right-of-way (ROW) the line shares with Line 961 and would include changing the northeastern terminus of Line 940 from the Goudey Substation to the proposed Oakdale Substation expansion. The

proposed rebuild of Line 937 will start approximately 12 miles from the South Owego Substation and run for a single span.

NYSEG proposes to rebuild much of Line 961 within the existing ROW, primarily on an offset of generally 30 to 35 feet from its existing centerline. To keep Line 961 energized while construction activities are performed, NYSEG must use a temporarily rerouted line for a portion of the rebuild.

In a motion filed with its Application, NYSEG requests waiver of certain regulations governing the content of PSL Article VII applications, specifically, the following provisions of Title 16 of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations:

- 1) Section 86.3(b)(2), which requires applicants to file various aerial photographs of the project area taken within six months of the date that the application is filed (NYSEG asserts that it has (1) provided aerial photographs, showing 1,200 feet on either side of the Project centerline, using aerial photographs that it acquired from the ESRI World Imagery Server in April 2022, and (2) verified through field reconnaissance that those aerial photographs substantially reflect the current situation in the Project area); and
- 2) Section 88.4(a)(4), which requires applicants to provide appropriate system studies showing expected flows on the line under normal, peak and emergency conditions, including the system reliability impact study forwarded by the Transmission Planning Advisory Subcommittee for approval by the operating committee of the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) showing effects on stability of the interconnected system (NYSEG asserts that the NYISO

has agreed with NYSEG's conclusion that a System Impact Study is not necessary for the Project).

The Application may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service (Department) website, www.dps.ny.gov, by clicking on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files") and entering "25-T-0238" in the box labelled "Search by Case Number."

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning the waiver requests. Comments should refer to "Case 25-T-0238" and must be submitted by **August 25, 2025**. Comments may be submitted using one of the following methods:

Internet: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "25-T-0238" in the box labelled "Search by Case Number," and then click on the "Post Comments" button located at the top right of the page.

Mail: Comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350; however, electronic filing of comments is strongly encouraged.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-State callers, 24 hours a day. These calls are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

All written comments filed with the Secretary will be posted on the Department's website and will become part of the record of the proceeding in which they are posted. Please be advised that untimely comments may not be considered by the

Commission. Comments may be accessed on the Department's website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this Notice.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary