

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION D/B/A NATIONAL GRID FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII FOR ITS LOCKPORT-BATAVIA LINE 112 REBUILD PROJECT IN NIAGARA AND GENESEE COUNTIES**

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Applicant”) is providing public notice of its intent to file an application (the “Application”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (“Certificate”) pursuant to New York State Public Service Law (“PSL”) Article VII for the Lockport-Batavia Line 112 Rebuild Project (the “Project”).

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that National Grid intends to file an Application for a Certificate with the State of New York Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in the above-entitled matter. The Project is subject to the permitting requirements of PSL Article VII, and the Applicant must receive a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Commission before constructing the Project.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

National Grid’s existing Lockport-Batavia Line 112 is a 115kV electric transmission line approximately 35 miles in length, running between National Grid’s Lockport Substation in the City of Lockport, Niagara County, and its Batavia Substation in the City of Batavia, Genesee County. The Project is National Grid’s proposal to rebuild approximately 21.7 miles of the existing line. The western end of the Project would be immediately east of the first structure (Structure 1-2) of the existing line, which is located just outside the Lockport Substation. The eastern end would be at (and include) the line’s Structure 211 in the Town of Alabama. The Project would rebuild all of existing Line 112 between those two structures, except for an approximately 1.9-mile section thereof (called “Segment 6”) on the site of the Western New York Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park (known as “STAMP”) being developed by the Genesee County Economic Development Center, which is not part of the Project. (The resulting rebuilt portion of the line is referred to as “Rebuilt Line 112.”)

Most of Rebuilt Line 112 would be located along the same centerline as existing Line 112. One segment (called “Segment 4”) would be relocated approximately 0.2 miles to the northeast of the existing line. The new route of Segment 4 would run approximately 2.2 miles along the south side of Lewiston Road (NYS Route 77 in the Town of Alabama) and along the west side of Feeder Ditch Road. Both the existing and the relocated routes of Segment 4 are in the Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area.

The Project includes the replacement of 178 deteriorating steel tri-legged “aeromotor” structures located between Structures 6 and 211 and all existing conductor and shield wire

between Structures 1-2 and 211 (except the Project does not include the structures, conductor and shield wire on Segment 6). The facilities to be replaced are over 110 years old and have reached the end of their service lives. (The portion of Line 112 east of Structure 211 (*i.e.*, from Structure 212 to the Batavia Substation) is supported by wood poles that are in overall good asset condition and do not require replacement.) The Project will bring Line 112 up to current National Electrical Safety Code (“NESC”) standards, which it does not meet in its current condition, and will improve the safety, performance, and reliability of the National Grid transmission system.

The Project also includes: installation of stormwater management features; establishing one or more temporary laydown/staging areas and marshaling yards; and constructing or improving supporting access roads.

Several siting alternatives were analyzed, resulting in the final proposal as described herein. These alternatives will be discussed in Exhibit 3 of the Application.

### **PROPOSED SITE**

The Applicant proposes to locate the Project within and along existing electric transmission ROW. The Applicant will need to acquire additional property rights for the Project in order to (i) expand the width of existing ROW for required clearances; (ii) enhance the Applicant’s rights on existing ROW; and (iii) establish new ROW for the Project. The Applicant may need to acquire additional rights outside of the ROW of the Project to selectively remove trees if they pose a risk. The location of Project facilities will be shown in figures in Exhibit 2 of the Application.

During the course of the proceeding, alternate locations for the proposed facilities not included in the Application filing or affected by the proposed primary location may be offered without further notice by publication. In addition, the Commission may, without further notice by publication, approve a location for the proposed facilities in municipalities not presently affected by the proposed location.

### **DATE OF FILING**

National Grid expects to file the Application with the Commission on or about November 18, 2022.

### **AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION**

A copy of the Application filed with the Commission will be served upon the chief executive officers of Niagara County, Genesee County, the City of Lockport, and the Towns of Lockport, Royalton and Alabama, and will be available in a number of public libraries close to the Project site on or shortly after the date the Application is filed with the Commission. In addition, copies of the Application will be available for public inspection at the Department of Public Service Offices in Albany (Office of Central Files, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223).

## **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE**

For information or assistance concerning the Application, interested persons may contact the following:

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