

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held in the City of
Albany on May 14, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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CASE 19-T-0549 - Application of LS Power Grid New York, LLC, LS Power Grid New York Corporation I, and the New York Power Authority for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII for Edic/Marcy to New Scotland; Princetown to Rotterdam Project.

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE
OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED
SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

(Issued and Effective May 15, 2026)

BY THE COMMISSION:

INTRODUCTION

On January 21, 2021, the Public Service Commission (Commission) issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate)¹ to the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and LS Power Grid New York (LS Power, and together with NYPA, the Applicants) to construct an approximately 93-mile,

¹ Case 19-T-0549, Order Granting Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (issued January 21, 2021) (Certificate Order).

345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line starting at the Edic substation in Marcy and extending through the Towns of Deerfield and Marcy in Oneida County; the Towns of Schuyler, Frankfort, German Flatts, Little Falls, Stark, Danube, and the Village of Ilion in Herkimer County; the Towns of Minden, Canajoharie, Root, Charleston, Glen, and Florida in Montgomery County; the Towns of Duanesburg, Princetown, and Rotterdam in Schenectady County; and the Towns of Guilderland and New Scotland in Albany County, before terminating at the New Scotland substation in Albany (the Facility or Central East Energy Connect or CEEC). The Facility also includes upgrades to the Marcy and Edic substations, construction of a new substation in Princetown, construction of a new substation and upgrades to an existing substation in Rotterdam, and upgrades to the New Scotland substation, along with the removal and replacement of segments of existing transmission lines. Central East Energy Connect is a Public Policy Transmission Need Solution designed to improve power flows across the Central East Interface.²

On August 8, 2025, NYPA filed a petition to amend the Certificate pursuant to Article VII of the PSL (Amendment Petition). The Amendment Petition involves NYPA's Edic to Princetown #351 and #352 lines and a proposal to expand the certificated right-of-way (ROW), which would allow the Facility to interconnect into Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid's (National Grid) Ames Road Substation, which is currently under development.³ The proposed amendment would authorize the expansion of the existing ROW in the Town of

² Id. at pp. 2-3.

³ The construction of the Ames Road Substation project is being permitted by the Town of Canajoharie. The construction of this substation is one of National Grid's Phase 2 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act projects.

Canajoharie, Montgomery County, to the south between structures 390 and 41/3, and structures 393 and 41/5.

The need for this amendment is driven by the desire to interconnect the Facility with the Ames Road Substation, which will facilitate an additional 115 kV to 345 kV connection. This will prevent congestion on the 115 kV system in the area and aid in achieving the goals set by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

Through this Order, the Commission approves the Amendment Petition.

BACKGROUND

Central East Energy Connect

On August 20, 2019, NYPA and LS Power applied for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to Public Service Law Article VII for authority to construct, operate, and maintain the Facility. A Joint Proposal was filed on June 5, 2020, and was adopted by the Commission on January 21, 2021. Construction of the Project was broken down into four Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP) filings: Segments I, II, III, and IV, which are described below.

Approval of the Segment I EM&CP was issued January 22, 2021,⁴ and primarily included the removal of two existing single circuit 230 kV transmission lines on H-frame structures, and replacement with two new single circuit 345 kV transmission lines on steel monopoles between the Princetown and Gordon Road Substations for approximately five miles, one of which will connect to the Princetown Substation and the other will loop in the Edic portion of the New Scotland 345 kV line. In addition,

⁴ Case 19-T-0549, Order Approving Environmental Management and Construction Plan (issued January 22, 2021).

the Segment I worked included construction of the new Gordon Road Substation adjacent to the existing Rotterdam Substation yard, along with upgrades at the Rotterdam substation.

Approval of the Segment II EM&CP was issued February 12, 2021,⁵ and primarily included the construction of the new 345 kV Princetown substation; the construction of a new double circuit 345 kV transmission line between the Princetown substation and the New Scotland substation, for approximately 20 miles; the rebuilding of an existing single-circuit 345 kV transmission line from the Princetown substation extending approximately 6 miles southward in that same corridor; and the removal from service of the Rotterdam to New Scotland 115 kV line and its partial removal in the same corridor. In addition, the existing New Scotland Substation was upgraded to accommodate the new configuration.

Approval of the Segment III EM&CP was issued December 16, 2021,⁶ and primarily included upgrades to the Marcy and Edic substations; reconductoring, involving the replacement of two circuits of 230kV transmission line with two circuits of 345 kV transmission line on existing structures, extending for approximately 13 miles from the Edic substation; removal of two existing single circuit 230 kV transmission lines on H-frame structures, and replacement with a new 345 kV double circuit transmission line on steel monopoles, extending for approximately 55 miles; construction of a new 345 kV substation in the Town of Princetown; removal of two existing single

⁵ Case 19-T-0549, Order Approving Environmental Management and Construction Plan Segment II (issued February 12, 2021).

⁶ Case 19-T-0549, Order Approving Environmental Management and Construction Plan Segment III (issued December 16, 2021).

circuit 230 kV transmission lines on H-frame structures, and replacement with two new single circuit 345 kV transmission lines on steel monopoles between the new Princetown substation and Gordon Road substation, extending for approximately 5 miles; construction of a new double circuit 345 kV transmission line on steel monopoles between the new Princetown substation and the New Scotland substation, extending for approximately 20 miles; rebuild of an existing single circuit 345 kV transmission line on new steel monopoles starting at the new Princetown substation and extending approximately 6 miles southward in that same corridor, and partial or complete removal from service of the existing Rotterdam to New Scotland 115 kV line in a portion of that same corridor; and upgrades to the existing New Scotland substation.

Approval of the Segment IV EM&CP was issued May 13, 2022,⁷ and primarily included removal of two existing single circuit 230 kV transmission lines on H-frame structures, and replacement with a new 345 kV double circuit transmission line on steel monopoles.

Through a One Commissioner Order, issued December 4, 2023, and later confirmed by the Commission on December 21, 2023, the underlying CECPN was transferred between NYPA, LS Power, and National Grid to correspond with portions of the Facility that each entity would own, operate, and maintain. NYPA controls all portions of the Certificated Route located to the west of the final Point of Change of Ownership location, which was determined to be Structure 52/6 of the #351 and #352 Edic to New Scotland 345 kV lines.

⁷ Case 19-T-0549, Order Approving Environmental Management and Construction Plan Segment IV with Conditions (issued May 13, 2022).

Amendment Petition

On August 8, 2025, NYPA filed the Amendment Petition pursuant to PSL §§121(3) and 124(3). The Amendment Petition seeks to re-route the Edic to Princetown #351 and #352 lines so it may interconnect with National Grid's Ames Road Substation. NYPA explains that the purpose of the requested reconfiguration in the Amendment Petition is to prevent congestion on the 115 kV system in the area and facilitate interconnection of 115 kV projects in the region to interconnect into the Ames Road Substation.⁸

The Amendment Petition proposes a re-route within the ROW covered by the Segment IV EM&CP. The proposed amendment will not result in any net increase of impacts as compared to the original Project regarding electromagnetic field, noise, cultural resources, or threatened and endangered species. There will be no impacts to wetlands regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. There may be impacts, necessarily limited due to the scope of the amendment, to federally regulated wetlands. All wetlands will be avoided or matted during construction and no fill will be placed in federally regulated wetlands except for where a new structure is proposed for construction.

PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENTS

On July 26, 2025, and August 2, 2025, NYPA published a notice of filing the Amendment Petition in a local newspaper, and on December 17, 2025, NYPA mailed a notice of the Amendment Petition to affected landowners as required by PSL §122. No public comments have been submitted.

⁸ E.g., Case 26-T-0272, National Grid St. Johnsville to Marshville Part 102. The St. Johnsville to Marshville Part 102 is a CLCPA project.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

PSL §122(4) provides that "[a]n application for an amendment of a Certificate shall be in such form and contain such information as the Commission shall prescribe. Notice of such an application shall be given as set forth in subdivision two." In addition, under PSL §123(2), "[o]n an Application for an amendment of a Certificate, the Commission shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an Application for a Certificate if the change in the Facility to be authorized would result in any material increase in any environmental impact of the Facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of such facility other than as provided in the alternates set forth in the application."

As discussed below, the Amendment Petition does not propose a substantial change in the location of the Facility or involve any material increase in any environmental impact; therefore, no hearing is required.

DISCUSSION

The Amendment Petition seeks to re-route the Edic to Princetown #351 and #352 lines to interconnect into the Ames Road Substation. All the proposed work will be within NYPA's existing ROW, existing National Grid easement land, and newly acquired fee or easement land. There will be some permanent fill within federal jurisdictional wetlands where new structures are proposed within wetland boundaries. Department of Public Service staff advises that temporary impacts are minimized, and that impacts arising from permanent fill are minimized because the impacts are limited only to structure footings. Required mitigation for wetland impacts associated with the requested reconfiguration in the Amendment Petition will be discussed within a future EM&CP change.

Accordingly, NYPA's request to amend its Certificate, as filed August 8, 2025, is approved, subject to the conditions below.

The Commission orders:

1. The request by the New York Power Authority to amend the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need issued August 11, 2022, is approved pursuant to Public Service Law §122(4), as discussed in the body of this Order.

2. The New York Power Authority shall detail mitigation for wetland impacts associated with the approved reconfiguration in the Amendment Petition in an Environmental Management and Construction Plan change.

3. All other requirements of the Certificate, as amended, and the approved Environmental Management and Construction Plans, shall remain in effect.

4. This proceeding is continued.

By the Commission,

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary