STATE OF NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 25-T-0178 - Petition of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, Pursuant to Article VII, for the Reconstruction of Approximately 60.32 Miles of 115kV Transmission Line from New Beaver River Substation in the Town of Croghan, Lewis County, to the Porter Substation in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County.

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM AND PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING, AND SOLICITING COMMENTS

(Issued November 25, 2025)

On March 7, 2025, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed an application, pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate). If granted, the Certificate would authorize National Grid to reconstruct its 115 kilovolt transmission line between the proposed Beaver Ridge Substation in the Town of Croghan, Lewis County, and the existing Porter Substation in the Town of Marcy, Oneida County, for a total length of about 60.32 miles (the Project). The Project also includes decommissioning the existing Taylorville Substation and the Boonville Substation, and constructing the proposed Beaver River Substation and the Gulf Road Substation in the Town of Leyden, Oneida County. The Project is located within the Towns of Croghan, New Bremen, Watson, Lowville, Martinsburg, Turin, West Turin, and Leyden, and the Villages of Croghan, Lowville, and Turin in Lewis County, and the Towns of Boonville, Steuben, Floyd, Trenton, and Marcy and the Villages of Boonville and

Holland Patent in Oneida County. Full details of the Project are outlined in the application.

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-0178" in the box labelled "Search by Case Number."

Under New York State Law, the Public Service

Commission (Commission) may adopt or reject National Grid's

proposal, in whole or part, or modify it. In doing so, the

Commission will consider, among other things, input from the

participating parties and the public. An Administrative Law

Judge (ALJ) is presiding over the gathering of public comments

and all evidence related to the Project. As indicated in this

Notice, a public statement hearing will be held to obtain

comments from the public concerning National Grid's proposal.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that opportunity for public information and comment regarding National Grid's proposal will be provided, virtually, as follows:

DATE: Friday, January 9, 2026

TIME: Information Forum 2:00 p.m.
Public Statement Hearing 3:30 p.m.

Electronic Access: meetny-gov.webex.com

Access Code: 2825 111 8719

Password: Jan9-2PM

Phone-Only Access: 1-929-251-9612

Access Code: 2825 111 8719

Password: 52690276

During the virtual information forum, maps of the proposed route will be available to review. Department representatives will provide an overview of the Commission's certification process and National Grid will present a summary of the Project. Members of the public will then have an

opportunity to ask questions about the process and National Grid's pending application.

The information forum will be followed by a public statement hearing where those wishing to comment on National Grid's application will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record before the ALJ. The public statement hearing will be held open a minimum of 30 minutes and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of the public statement hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

Any person wishing to provide a public statement on the record during the <u>virtual</u> public statement hearing must register to do so by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, in accordance with the instructions set forth below. No registration is necessary for the information forum.

To register and provide a statement electronically:

Participants who would like to provide a statement and who will log in to the hearing electronically must register by the date and time indicated above by visiting https://dps.ny.gov/calendar, where they should click on the "View DPS Calendar Listings" button under the "Calendars" section, scroll to and click on National Grid Beaver River to Porter Article VII Public Statement Hearing, click the "Register" button, and provide all requested information. After registration is complete, registrants will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to join the hearing.

On the hearing date and time, when logging in to participate virtually, participants will be asked to "select audio system." It is recommended that participants select "call me" or "call using computer." The "call me" option will require participants to enter their phone numbers.

To register and provide a statement by phone:

This option is for participants who cannot log in to the virtual hearing electronically. Call-in participants wishing to make a statement at the virtual hearing must register to do so by the date and time indicated above by calling 1-800-342-3330, following the prompts to the appropriate hearing, and then providing their first name and last name, address, and phone number.

On the hearing date and time, dial 1-929-251-9612 and enter the appropriate access code and phone-in password, listed above.

All participants will be muted upon entry into the virtual public statement hearing. The ALJ will call upon each person who has registered to make a statement and will continue the hearing until everyone who has registered to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements to submit comments into the record have been made. Reasonable time limits may be set for each speaker as necessary to afford all attendees an opportunity to be heard. It is requested that lengthy comments be submitted in writing and summarized for oral presentation.

To listen to the virtual hearing without commenting:

Any interested person may listen to the virtual information forum and hearing by phone by calling 1-929-251-9612 and entering the access code and phone-in password, listed above.

Persons with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations should call the Department's Human Resources Management Office at 1-518-473-9463 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Persons with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at 1-800-342-3377 or email

<u>languageaccess@dps.ny.gov</u> for free language assistance services regarding this Notice. To request a translator or sign language interpreter so that you can participate at a specific public statement hearing, please contact the Department at least 10 days before the hearing by calling 1-800-342-3377 or emailing your request to <u>languageaccess@dps.ny.gov</u>.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at the public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 25-T-0178" and must be received by Thursday, April 30, 2026. Comments received after the deadline may not be considered by the Commission.

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "25-T-0178" in the "Search by Case Number" box, and then click on "Post Comments" at the top right of the page.

Those who are unable to file comments electronically may mail their comments 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.

Written comments submitted in accordance with this Notice will be posted on the Department's website and may be accessed by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab. However, as noted above, untimely comments may not be considered by the Commission.

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 receive comments about pending

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cases from in-State callers 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary