

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.

RULING ON PROCESS AND SCHEDULE

(Issued June 1, 2026)

LEAH SOULE AMYOT, Administrative Law Judge:

On May 22, 2026, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed a Joint Proposal signed by National Grid, trial staff of the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (DAG), the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT), the New Bremen Fire Department, Lewis County and Barbara Freeman (collectively the Signatory Parties). At a procedural conference on May 29, 2026, which was held to discuss process proposals, two intervenor parties identified issues that they may raise in opposition to the Joint Proposal. Because the resolution of the issues raised thus far involves only legal or policy determinations, the parties' disputes are appropriately raised in written

submissions for the Commission's consideration.<sup>1</sup> After considering the proposals offered by the parties, the following deadlines are established:

June 5, 2026	Initial Statements in Support of the Joint Proposal
June 12, 2026	Statements in Opposition and Expert Witness Affidavits
June 19, 2026	Reply Statements

DPS, DEC, DAG and DOT are directed to file expert witness affidavits in support of the Joint Proposal in order to further develop the record. These affidavits should establish, at a minimum, that the witness(es) have expertise in the subject matter relevant to the party, that the witness(es) participated in the proceeding, and that the witness(es) agree(s) with the relevant factual statements in the Joint Proposal.

For the above deadlines, the parties must email their documents to us and to each other and file them with the Secretary to the Commission (Secretary) by 4:30 p.m. All parties must review the Settlement Guidelines to ensure that their statements in support or opposition comply with the requirements for such statements set forth therein.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See e.g., Case 24-T-0446, New York Transco LLC - Article VII Proceeding, Ruling on Process and Schedule (issued May 12, 2026); Case 19-T-0549, LS Power Grid New York - Article VII Proceeding, Order Denying Interlocutory Appeal (issued October 19, 2020), pp. 9-11.

<sup>2</sup> Case 90-M-0255 et al., Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Concerning its Procedures for Settlement and Stipulation Agreements, Opinion No. 92-2 (issued March 24, 1992).

Finally, the Signatory Parties are directed to file, by June 5, 2026, a letter with the Secretary indicating whether they object to canceling or waiving the evidentiary hearing.

(SIGNED)

LEAH SOULE AMYOT