

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION OF NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION D/B/A NATIONAL GRID FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED FOR ITS GARDENVILLE – DUNKIRK 141-142, NORTHERN SECTION REBUILD OF ITS 115KV TRANSMISSION LINES FROM NORTH ANGOLA SUBSTATION TO STRUCTURE 4 SOUTH OF THE GARDENVILLE SUBSTATION, IN ERIE COUNTY

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a/ National Grid (“National Grid” or the “Applicant”), on or about August 30, 2018, will file an application (the “Application”) in the above entitled matter with the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law. The Application will propose a project to rebuild and in certain locations shift the centerline of the existing 141/142 Lines, from the North Angola Substation to structure #4 (just south of the Gardenville Substation) (the “Project”).

During the course of the proceedings, alternate routes (in addition to the one route change that is part of the proposal) not included in the Application filing or affected by the proposed primary route may be offered without further notice by publication. In addition, the Commission may, without further notice by publication, approve a route for the lines that traverses municipalities not presently affected by the proposed primary route.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The proposed Project consists of rebuilding and, in certain locations, shifting the centerline of an approximately 20.31 mile portion of the Applicant’s existing 115kV 141/142 Lines from the North Angola Substation to Existing Structure #4, which is located approximately 0.35 miles south of the existing Gardenville Substation. The Project is subject to the permitting requirements of Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law, and National Grid must receive a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Commission before constructing the Project.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

National Grid is proposing to rebuild and, in certain locations, shift the centerline of the existing 141/142 Lines from the North Angola Substation to Existing Structure #4 (south of the Gardenville Substation), all within Erie County. The Project is being undertaken to replace deteriorated structures, conductors and shield wires in existence in many cases for over eighty years and which have or soon will reach the end of their service lives, in order to maintain reliable transmission service within National Grid's Western and Frontier Regions.

The existing 141/142 Lines are both 115kV circuits that originate at the Gardenville Substation and terminate at the Dunkirk Substation. They share the same double-circuit steel towers, heading generally south-west for approximately 45 miles. The Project will encompass the section of the existing 141/142 Lines from the North Angola Substation to existing Structure #4, which is located approximately 0.35 miles south of the existing Gardenville Substation for a total of 20.31 miles.

The Project consists of a number of different activities involving the existing 141/142 Lines on each of six different Segments. In Segments 1 through 6 (including the proposed alternative route Segment 4 – Bypass), with the exception of Segment 4-Existing (where the existing 141/142 structures are proposed to be removed), the Applicant proposes to re-conductor the existing 141/142 Lines, which primarily features #4/0 AWG (6/1) ACSR "Penguin" conductor, with 795 kcmil ACSR "Drake" (26/7) non-specular conductor. In Segments 1 through 6, the Applicant also proposes to install one Optical Ground Wire (OPGW), and one 159 kcmil ACSR "Guinea" (12/7) for shieldwires. The ACSR shieldwire is sized to achieve a balanced fault-current with the proposed OPGW.

The Project will also include work on the 34.5kV Sub-Transmission lines that run parallel to the existing 141/142 Lines: the existing 856 Line, the existing 610 Line, and the existing 610 Tap.

PROPOSED ROUTE

In general terms, the proposed route of the Project will traverse the Village of Angola, Town of Evans, Town of Hamburg, Village of Blasdell, City of Lackawanna and the Town of West Seneca, all within Erie County. The precise route can be found in figures in Exhibit 2 of the Applicant's filing, which will be available for public inspection as described below.

DATE OF FILING

National Grid expects to file the Article VII Application with the Commission on or about August 30, 2018.

AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION

A copy of the Application filed with the Commission will be served upon the chief executive officers of the municipalities traversed by the proposed route and by alternative routes discussed in Exhibit 3 of the Application (which are Erie County and the Towns of Evans, Hamburg and West Seneca, the Villages of Angola and Blasdell, and the City of Lackawanna). On or about the date the Application is filed with the Commission, copies of the Application will be available for public inspection in local public libraries in or closest to each of the above communities: specifically, at Angola Public Library, 34 N. Main Street, Angola, NY 14006; Lake Shore Branch Library, S-4857 Lake Shore Road, Hamburg, NY 14075; Lackawanna Public Library, 560 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218; and West Seneca Public Library, 1300 Union Road, West Seneca, NY 14224. In addition, copies will be available for public inspection at the Department of Public Service Offices in Albany (Office of Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223) and will be posted on the Commission's website (www.dps.ny.gov). A link to the PSC website page(s) that contain the Application will be provided on National Grid's website (www.gardenvilledunkirktransmission.com) for this Project.

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

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

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