

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 19-T-0684 - Application of New York Transco LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the New York Public Service Law to Construct, Operate, and Maintain a New, Double-Circuit 54.5-Mile 345/115 Kilovolt Electric Transmission Line and Related Facilities Located in the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County; the Towns of Stuyvesant, Stockport, Ghent, Claverack, Livingston, Gallatin, and Clermont in Columbia County; and the Towns of Milan, Clinton, and Pleasant Valley in Dutchess County.

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL FORUMS
AND PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued February 25, 2020)

Public comment is sought on a request by New York Transco LLC, (Transco) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) pursuant to Public Service Law Article VII for authority to construct the "New York Energy Solution" Project (Project). The Project would consist of (i) installation of a new, 54.5-mile 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line to be co-located with existing 115 kV electric transmission lines on new monopoles between a new 345 kV Knickerbocker Switching Station in the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County, a rebuilt 115 kV Churchtown Switching Station in the Town of Claverack, Columbia County, and the existing 345 kV and 115 kV Pleasant Valley Substations in the Town of Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County,¹ (ii) the replacement of 2.2-miles of 115 kV electric transmission line in an existing right-of-way that extends from the existing 115 kV Blue Stores

¹ If constructed, the Project would be known as the Transco #96 line.

Substation to a tap with the existing National Grid #8 115 kV LaFarge to Pleasant Valley line, and (iii) installation of a 0.8-mile double-circuit 345 kV electric transmission line to run between the existing 345 kV Pleasant Valley Substation and a new 345 kV Van Wagner Capacitor Bank Station. The Project would be in existing electric transmission corridors or on adjacent utility-owned land in the Town of Schodack in Rensselaer County; the Towns Stuyvesant, Stockport, Ghent, Claverack, Livingston, Gallatin, and Clermont in Columbia County; and the Towns of Milan, Clinton, and Pleasant Valley in Dutchess County. In addition, Transco proposes to work with Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation to develop additional, related infrastructure upgrades previously required by the Commission (including upgrades to the Rock Tavern Substation and upgrades to the Shoemaker to Sugarloaf transmission lines).²

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that opportunities for public information and comment regarding Transco's request will be provided as follows:

Date: April 6, 2020

Location: Pleasant Valley Town Hall
1554 Main Street
Pleasant Valley, New York 12569

Time: Informational Forum - 6:00 p.m.
Public Statement Hearing - 7:00 p.m.

² See Case 12-T-0502, Proceeding to Examine Alternating Current Transmission Upgrades, Order Finding Transmission Needs driven by Public Policy Requirements (issued December 17, 2015), Appendix B ¶5.

Date: April 14, 2020

Location: Wilcox Memorial Town Hall
20 Wilcox Circle
Milan, New York 12571

Time: Informational Forum - 6:00 p.m.
Public Statement Hearing - 7:00 p.m.

Date: April 15, 2020

Location: Churchtown Fire Department
2219 County Route 27
Hudson, New York 12533

Time: Information Forum - 6:00 p.m.
Public Statement Hearing - 7:00 p.m.

Date: April 16, 2020

Location: Schodack Town Hall
265 Schuurman Road
Castleton-On-Hudson, New York 12033

Time: Informational Forum - 6:00 p.m.
Public Statement Hearing - 7:00 p.m.

During the informational forums, maps of the proposed route will be available to review, Department of Public Service Staff representatives will give a short presentation on the review process in this case, and representatives of Transco will be available to answer questions about its proposal. The public is welcome to stop in at any time during the informal informational forums to review information and ask questions.

Each informational forum will be followed by a public statement hearing where all those wishing to comment on Transco's request will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record before the Administrative Law Judge. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance, or present written

material to speak at the hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. Each public statement hearing will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of each hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to comment about this case to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 19-T-0684 - New York Transco."

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "Search," search using case number "19-T-0684" and then click the "Post Comments" button at the top of the page; or send comments to the Secretary for the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov. Alternatively, comments may be mailed or delivered to Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a

day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

Although comments submitted via these alternate means will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding, they are requested by May 15, 2020. Written comments received by the Department will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Written comments may be viewed online (go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "Search," search using the case number and then click on the "Public Comments" tab). Many libraries offer free Internet access.

The application may be viewed at www.dps.ny.gov (search using the case number) or at public libraries in Castleton-On-Hudson, Claverack, Rhinebeck (Starr Library and Clinton Community Library), Hudson, Kinderhook, Livingston, Pleasant Valley, and Red Hook, New York.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary