



July 21, 2020

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips  
Secretary to the Commission  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223-1350  
[Secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:Secretary@dps.ny.gov)

**Re: Application of New York Power Authority for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Rebuild of the Existing Moses-Adirondack 1&2 230 kV Transmission Lines Extending approximately 86 miles from the Robert Moses Switchyard in the Town of Massena, St. Lawrence County to the Adirondack Substation in the Town of Croghan, Lewis County, New York**  
**Case 18-T-0207**

Dear Secretary Phillips:

The Power Authority of the State of New York d/b/a New York Power Authority (“NYPA”) hereby requests issuance of a Notice to Proceed with Construction in order for NYPA to commence construction activities for the Moses-Adirondack Smart Path Reliability Project (“Project”) Phase One, Part Two covering the northern section of Segment 2 of the Project right-of-way (approximately 13 miles), from structures 33 (near Stiles Road in Canton, New York) through 47 (near Degrasse Depegder Road in Russell, New York) on or about August 4, 2020.

The Commission’s July 17, 2020 *Order Approving Environmental Management and Construction Plan* Phase One Segment 2-a of the Project provides:

*“The Certificate Holder shall not commence construction until it has received a “Notice to Proceed with Construction” letter sent either by the Director of Facility Certification and Compliance, or the Director’s designee, of the Office of Electric, Gas and Water.”*

Moreover, NYPA has complied with the Certificate Order conditions that require submissions before the start of Project construction on March 6, 2020 for Segment 1 as well as Segment 2-a. NYPA has provided the notice required by Certificate Condition 38(a), no less than two weeks before commencing construction activities. As required by Certificate Condition 38(c), a copy of

this notice is enclosed. NYPA has also provided the notice required by Certificate Condition 38(d) to those individuals owning or residing on properties that will be affected by construction activities within the next seven to thirty days. As required by Certificate Condition 38(c), a copy of this notice is enclosed.

Moreover, NYPA has submitted a construction schedule as well as updates at our monthly construction meeting with DPS Staff and evidence of real property rights to DPS Staff in accordance with Certificate Condition 49. A report, complying with Certificate Condition 122, is submitted monthly confirming that all required construction materials are available for Segment 2-a of the Project.

Accordingly, NYPA requests that the Director of Facility Certification and Compliance, or the Director's designee, of the Office of Electric, Gas and Water issue a Notice to Proceed with Construction for the Project.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Mark K. Malone*

Mark K. Malone  
Director, Project Development and Licensing

cc: Director of Facility Certification and Compliance of the Office of Electric, Gas and Water  
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Enclosure

## NOTICE OF THE START OF CONSTRUCTION

**Case No. 18-T-0207, Application of New York Power Authority for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Rebuild of the Existing Moses-Adirondack 1&2 230 kV Transmission Lines (“MA1&2”) Extending Approximately 86 miles from the Robert Moses Switchyard in the Town of Massena, St. Lawrence County to the Adirondack Substation in the Town of Croghan, Lewis County, New York**

On July 17, 2020, the New York State Public Service Commission approved the Phase One, Part Two Environmental Management and Construction Plan for the rebuild the MA1&2 lines as two single circuit 345 kV lines on steel monopoles, operated initially at 230 kV (the “Project”). NYPA will construct the Project in two phases. Phase One of the Project will involve rebuilding the existing approximately 78-mile single-circuit predominantly wood pole portion of the line with single-circuit steel monopoles. Phase One will be constructed in three segments. Phase Two of the Project will involve rebuilding the existing eight-mile double-circuit steel lattice with single-circuit steel monopoles, 0.4 miles of single-circuit steel lattice structures into Adirondack Substation with single-circuit steel monopoles and constructing the new 345 kV switchyards at the Moses Switchyard and the Adirondack Substation.

This approved EM&CP (Phase One Part Two) addresses only the northern section of the second segment of the Project, approximately thirteen miles, from structures 33 (near Stiles Road in Canton, New York) through 47 (near Degrasse Depegder Road in Russell, New York)

**The construction of this portion of the Project is anticipated to start on or about August 4, 2020. Surveys may begin on your property prior to that date.**

A map of the Project is provided below. Additional information may be obtained and concerns regarding the construction of the Project may also be made by calling (866) 697-8758 or contacting:

Jeff Farrell  
Real Estate Administrator  
New York Power Authority  
St. Lawrence/FDR Power Project  
830 Barnhart Island Road  
Massena, NY 13662  
Phone: (315) 764-6837  
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830 Barnhart Island Road  
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*Inquiries and/or complaints may also be submitted online at [www.nypa.gov/smartpath](http://www.nypa.gov/smartpath).*

The Project is under the jurisdiction of the New York State Public Service Commission, which is responsible for enforcing compliance with environmental and construction conditions, and may be contacted below:

Ophelia Amegashie  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350  
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July 21, 2020

**Moses-Adirondack Smart Path Reliability Project:  
Information Regarding Planned Construction Activities and Schedule**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are receiving this letter because you own or reside on property that will be crossed by or that abuts the Moses-Adirondack Smart Path Reliability Project (the “Project”). The Project consists of rebuilding the Moses-Adirondack 1&2 transmission lines as single circuit 345 kV lines on steel monopoles, operated initially at 230 kV. Although New York State is currently “on PAUSE”, pursuant to Executive Order 202.6 issued by Governor Cuomo on March 20, 2020, to combat the COVID-19 virus, the rebuild of this transmission line will improve the reliability and resiliency of New York’s transmission system and is therefore considered an essential project. Since the Project is deemed essential, construction activities will continue while observing social distancing guidelines and taking the utmost precautions to protect the workers and the public from the effects of the pandemic.

On March 6th, 2020, the New York Power Authority (“NYPA”) began site work preparation for the Project, which crosses or abuts your property. The first phase of construction, site preparation, is expected to start in your community within the next 30 days. Site preparation includes any necessary clearing of trees and/or brush, followed by the installation of environmental controls and the construction of access roads and work pads. The construction of access roads and work pads may entail grading and the use of stone/gravel or temporary construction matting in these areas. After site preparation, crews will begin transmission line construction activities, which will include: the installation of foundations, structure hauling, demolition of existing line, structure framing, fitting hardware and stringing of conductors and optical ground wire. Work activities in each section will overlap to maintain efficiency and keep disturbances to a minimum. The final phase of construction is ground surface restoration, this is expected to conclude in the fall of 2022.

The attached Construction Commencement Notice provides more information on this Project and includes a Project Map. The attached notice was distributed prior to the start of construction for this portion of the Project, it states that the anticipated date for commencement of site preparation and construction on this portion of the project is on or about August 4, 2020. This first phase of site preparation and construction *in your area* may commence at a later date (as indicated in the paragraph above).

Additional information may be obtained and concerns regarding the construction of the Project may also be made by calling (866) 697-8758 or the additional NYPA contacts identified on the attached notice. You can also visit [www.nypa.gov/smartpath](http://www.nypa.gov/smartpath) for more information on the Project and its schedule.

Sincerely,

Andrew Pelletier, Manager Corporate Real Estate