

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW YORK TRANSCO LLC TO FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED TO UPGRADE AND INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE STATE'S ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, on or about November 5, 2020, New York Transco LLC (“Transco”) will file an application with the New York State Public Service Commission (the “PSC”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law to construct, operate, and maintain the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf project (the “Project”). The Project will be located entirely within an existing utility-owned or controlled right-of-way (“ROW”) or on utility-owned or controlled land within Orange County in the Towns of New Windsor, Hamptonburgh, Blooming Grove, and Chester.

In November 2012, following the release of the New York State 2012 *Energy Highway Blueprint*, which called for, among other things, the development of over 1,000 MW of new alternating current (“AC”) transmission upgrades to move power from upstate to downstate, the PSC initiated the *Examine Alternating Current Transmission Upgrades* proceeding (Case 12-T-0502) that identified the AC transmission corridor traversing the Mohawk Valley Region, the Lower Hudson Valley Region, and the Capitol Region as a source of persistent congestion. These regions include two major electrical interfaces—Central East and UPNY/SENY. In turn the PSC solicited project proposals to satisfy the persistent congestion along these interfaces. As part of the PSC’s evaluation of potential transmission solutions to relieve the persistent congestion in these interfaces, it reviewed a power flow study conducted by the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (“NYISO”) that revealed the proposed solutions would trigger a contingency on the existing double circuit 69 kV lines from the 115 kV Shoemaker Substation to the 115 kV Sugarloaf Substation and require upgrades to the Rock Tavern Substation. In late 2015, after many deliberations, the PSC issued an order identifying the AC transmission need to provide additional transmission capacity across the Central East and UPNY/SENY transfer interfaces. These transmission needs are referred to as the “Segment A” and “Segment B” projects, respectively. In addition, the PSC required the developer of the Segment B project to coordinate the resolution of the 69 kV contingency and the upgrades at Rock Tavern Substation, which are known as the “Segment B Additions” projects. Together, the Segment A, Segment B, and Segment B Additions projects are referred to as the “AC Transmission PPTN.”

Ultimately, following its solicitation of project solutions to satisfy the AC Transmission PPTN, on April 8, 2019, the NYISO Board of Directors announced its selection of the New York Energy Solution project—which is now owned solely by Transco—as the more cost-effective or efficient solution to satisfy Segment B of the AC Transmission PPTN, which included the need to coordinate the resolution of the 69 kV contingency component of the Segment B Additions project. As described in greater detail in the forthcoming Article VII application, the Project resolves the contingency created on the existing double circuit 69 kV lines from the 115 kV Shoemaker Substation to the 115 kV Sugarloaf Substation as identified by the PSC in the underlying *Examine Alternating Current Transmission Upgrades* proceeding.

The Project includes the replacement of an existing, 12-mile overhead 115 kV electric transmission line (the “SL Line”), with a new 115 kV electric transmission line, which will be known as the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Line (the “RTS Line”). The RTS Line will begin at the existing 115 kV Rock Tavern Substation owned by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (“Central Hudson”) and located in the Town of New

Windsor, Orange County (the “115 kV Rock Tavern Substation”) and terminate at Central Hudson’s existing 115 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station (the “115 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station”) located in the Town of Chester, Orange County. As part of the Project, the 115 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station will be rebuilt as a substation (the “Rebuilt Sugarloaf Substation”) to accept the RTS Line. A new 138kV tie line (Line 30) will exit the Rebuilt Sugarloaf Substation and terminate at the existing 138 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station owned by Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. and located in the Town of Chester, Orange County (the “138 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station”). In addition to replacing the SL Line, the existing structures from the 115 kV Rock Tavern Substation to the 115 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station will be replaced. To accommodate the Rebuilt Sugarloaf Substation, the first structure outside that station (Structure 1241) – which supports Central Hudson’s existing 115 kV SD and SJ Lines – will be replaced (collectively, the above constitutes the Project). The Project will be located entirely within an existing utility-owned ROW and existing utility-owned land.

A copy of Transco’s Article VII application will be served upon certain government officials located in, or representing constituents within, the four municipalities where the Project will be located, required State agencies, and utility companies. In addition, Transco’s application will be available in the following local public libraries on or about November 5, 2020:

Newburgh Free Library
124 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550
Phone: (845) 563-3600

Goshen Public Library & Historical Society
366 Main Street
Goshen, NY 10924
Phone: (845) 294-6606

Moffat Library
6 West Main Street
Washingtonville, NY 10992
Phone: (845) 496-5483

Chester Public Library
1784 Kings Highway
Chester, NY 10918
Phone: (845) 469-4252

Wallkill Public Library
7 Bona Ventura Ave
Wallkill, NY 12589
Phone: (845) 895-3707

For information or assistance concerning Transco’s application, interested persons may contact:

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Additional information is also available at the Project website at RTSUpgrade.com.