



# Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Upgrade Project Introduction July 2020

Dear Neighbor,

You are receiving this letter because you are a nearby landowner or resident to a proposed transmission upgrade. New York Transco (Transco) was selected by the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) to complete important upgrades to the New York electrical grid. One project, the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Upgrade (RTS), involves replacing an aging overhead transmission line in Orange County between the Rock Tavern Substation in New Windsor and the Sugarloaf Substation in Chester. The project will help New York meet key environmental and economic goals by facilitating the flow of clean energy.

**The Project:** Staying within existing utility rights-of-way, Transco proposes to replace the existing (approx. 95-year-old) 115,000-volt (115kV) line and lattice structures with a new 115kV line on monopole structures. No work will be performed on the 345kV structures that also are in the right-of-way. The approx. 12-mile upgrade will go through New Windsor, Hamptonburgh, Blooming Grove and Chester. Work will also be performed at the Rock Tavern Substation and the Sugarloaf Substation.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the upgrade is to increase the capacity on the transmission system to allow for a better flow of renewable energy from upstate to downstate.

**Timeline:** We expect to begin permitting later this year with an Article VII application to the NY Public Service Commission (PSC). Construction is anticipated to start in 2022 with completion in 2023.

**Public Engagement:** We will provide regular updates on RTS, including Article VII public participation.

**Activities:** Over the coming months, crews working on behalf of Transco will be conducting studies in the transmission corridor near your property to support engineering and permitting activities. This may include land and environmental surveys, and geotechnical investigations as detailed in the enclosed document.

**About the Developer:** The project is being developed and permitted by New York Transco, an owner and developer of transmission facilities in New York. New York Transco is owned by affiliates of National Grid, Con Edison, AVANGRID, and CH Energy Group.

**Contact Us:** Toll-free hotline at 800-314-4236 or email at [questions@RTSupgrade.com](mailto:questions@RTSupgrade.com)

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Baxevanis".

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