



Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Upgrade Project Update September 2021

Dear Neighbor,

On September 9, 2021, the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) granted New York Transco's (Transco) Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Project (RTS) a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate). This is an important milestone in the State's Article VII permitting process. A copy of the Certificate can be found at www.RTSUpgrade.com and on the PSC's website (www.dps.ny.gov) under **Case # 20-T-0549**.

About the RTS

RTS is a 12-mile electric transmission upgrade in Orange County. RTS includes the replacement of 115,000 volt (115kV) transmission structures and line that connect existing substations in New Windsor and Chester. Upgrades will also be done at both existing substations. RTS will help New York meet key environmental and economic goals by facilitating the flow of clean energy.

What are the next steps?

Transco will file a two-phased Environmental Management and Construction Plans (EM&CP) with the PSC that will include plans and specifications for RTS environmental protections, vegetation removal and construction activities. The first filing (EM&CP Phase 1) will detail the vegetation removal around the existing Sugarloaf Switching Station in Chester. The second filing (EM&CP Phase 2) will detail all remaining RTS activities, including construction.

The EM&CPs will be reviewed and approved by the PSC. These plans and all other permits must be obtained for Transco to begin construction.

What is the anticipated construction timeline?

Pending regulatory approvals, we anticipate construction to begin in 2022 and to be complete by the end of year 2023.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on our toll-free hotline at 800-314-4236 or email us at questions@RTSUpgrade.com.

Best Regards,

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

Shannon Baxevanis

New York Transco