



Dear Neighbor,

New York Transco (Transco) submitted its first phase of construction plans for the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Upgrade Project (RTS). The Phase I Environmental Management and Construction Plan (Phase I EM&CP) was submitted to the New York Public Service Commission (PSC) under PSC Case No. 20-T-0549.

**What is the Phase I EM&CP?**

This submittal includes plans and specifications for environmental protections and vegetation removal activities associated with the rebuilding of the 115kV Sugarloaf Substation Station in Chester. Pending regulatory approvals, the vegetation work will occur between November 2021 and March 2022.

**How can I review and comment?**

The Phase I EM&CP document can be reviewed either on the PSC's website ([www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov)) under Case No. 20-T-0549; on the project website at [www.RTSUpgrade.com](http://www.RTSUpgrade.com); or at a documentary repository, as noted in the attached Public Notice.

**Will additional phases detailing RTS construction be submitted?**

Yes, Transco will submit a Phase II EM&CP later this year covering all other parts of the project. Once submitted, a similar notification will be sent to you and you will be given the same opportunity to review and comment.

Attached please find the Phase I EM&CP Public Notice and fact sheet. 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](mailto:questions@RTSupgrade.com).

Best Regards,

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

Shannon Baxevanis  
New York Transco

Enclosures: Phase I EM&CP Public Notice and fact sheet

## Project Overview

The Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Upgrade (RTS) is a 12-mile electric transmission upgrade in Orange County that will replace 115,000 kilovolt (115 kV) transmission structures and lines between existing substations in New Windsor and Chester. RTS will help New York meet key environmental and economic goals by facilitating the flow of clean energy. All work will be completed within an existing transmission corridor and/or utility-owned lands.

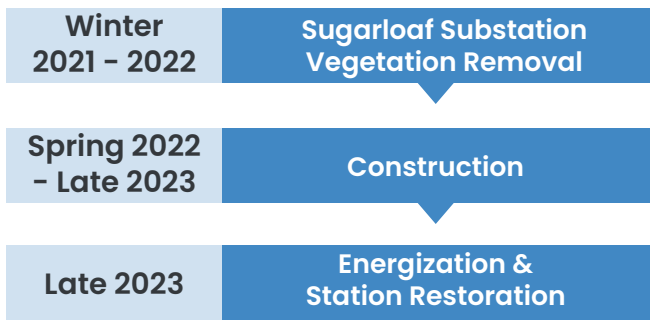
Town	Activities	Mileage*	Structures to be Removed	New Structures
New Windsor	Rock Tavern Substation Work Overhead Line Replacement	0.5	3	3
Hamptonburgh	Overhead Line Replacement	2	15	15
Blooming Grove	Overhead Line Replacement	6.75	50	50
Chester	Overhead Line Replacement Sugarloaf Substation Work	2.5	20	22

\*All mileage is approximate

## Sugarloaf Substation

The RTS includes the removal of the existing 115 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station and construction of the rebuilt Sugarloaf Substation at the same location off Sugarloaf Mountain Road. Prior to that work, some vegetation removal will occur on that Station site. Details on this vegetation removal were submitted by New York Transco in the Phase I Environmental Management & Construction Plan (EM&CP), filed with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) (Case #20-T-0549).

## Estimated Project Timeline






## Quick Facts:

- What:** Removal of vegetation at the existing Sugarloaf 115 kV Substation
- Where:** Sugarloaf Mountain Rd, Chester, NY
- Work Hours:** Monday - Saturday, 7 AM - 7 PM
- Permitting:** PSC Phase I EM&CP Review & Approval
- Comments:** Submit any time via toll-free hotline and email below. Comments can also be submitted on [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), Case #20-T-0549.



## Get in Touch:

-  800-314-4236 (Toll-Free)
-  [www.RTSUpgrade.com](http://www.RTSUpgrade.com)
-  [questions@RTSUpgrade.com](mailto:questions@RTSUpgrade.com)

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Case 20-T-0549 – 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, Single-Circuit 12-mile Overhead 115 kV Electric Transmission Line and Related Facilities In the Towns of New Windsor, Hamptonburgh, Blooming Grove, and Chester in Orange County.

### **NOTICE OF FILING OF THE PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR THE ROCK TAVERN TO SUGARLOAF PROJECT**

On or about October 19, 2021, New York Transco LLC (“NY Transco”) will file or has filed a proposed Phase I Environmental Management and Construction Plan (“EM&CP”) with the New York State Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Project (the “Project”). The Project will address a contingency created by increased transmission capacity across the Central East and UPNY/SENY interfaces.

Construction associated with Phase I of the Project includes vegetation removal at the existing 115 kilovolt (“kV”) Sugarloaf Switching Station (the “115 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station”) in preparation for it to be demolished and rebuilt as a substation (the “Rebuilt Sugarloaf Substation”).

The Phase II EM&CP is anticipated to be filed in the first quarter of 2022. This will include information and plans for construction of the transmission line, the Rebuilt Sugarloaf Substation, installation of a new 138 kV tie line, and the replacement of Structure 1241, which is the first structure outside of the Rebuilt Sugarloaf Substation. The Phase II EM&CP will include opportunities for public review and comment prior to approval.

#### **PHASE I EM&CP**

An EM&CP describes, in detail, the environmental protection measures, construction procedures, and scope of work proposed during construction of the subject project. NY Transco developed the Phase I EM&CP after collaboration with the staff of the New York State Department of Public Service (DPS). Vegetation removal at the 115 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station will occur on Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.-owned property in the Town of Chester.

The Phase I EM&CP will be available for public inspection via uploaded documents on a designated computer during normal business hours at the following locations: *Newburgh Free Library*, 124 Grand St., Newburgh, NY 12550; *Goshen Public Library & Historical Society*, 366 Main St., Goshen, NY 10924; and *Chester Public Library*, 1784 Kings Highway, Chester, NY 10918. In addition, paper hardcopies of the EM&CP will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: *Moffat Library*, 6 West Main Street, Washingtonville, NY 10992.

The Phase I EM&CP will also be available for public inspection on NY Transco’s Project-specific website: [www.RTSUpgrade.com](http://www.RTSUpgrade.com) and may also be viewed online at the website maintained by the DPS at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) (from the homepage, click on “Search,” and enter the case number, 20-T-0549, in the “Search by Case Number” field).

#### **COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS, AND FURTHER INFORMATION**

---

Any person may be heard by the Commission on any matter or objection regarding the Phase I EM&CP by filing written comments with the Secretary to the Commission and NY Transco (at the addresses immediately below) within 30 days of the date the Phase I EM&CP was filed with the Commission or the date of newspaper publication of this notice, whichever is later. Please reference Case No. 20-T-0549 – Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Project. The Environmental Compliance Section of DPS can be reached at (518) 474-8702.

**Hon. Michelle Phillips**

Secretary to the Commission  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3  
Albany, NY 12223-1350  
Phone: (518) 474-6530  
Fax: (518) 474-9842  
Email: secretary@dps.ny.gov

**Shannon Baxevanis**

NY Transco Representative  
New York Transco LLC  
One Hudson City Centre  
Hudson, NY 12534  
Phone: (800) 314-4236  
Email: questions@rtsupgrade.com

The NY Transco agent or employee who will receive complaints, if any, during the Phase I construction is:

**Shannon Baxevanis**

Stakeholder & Communications Lead  
New York Transco LLC  
P.O. Box 1250  
Hudson, NY 12534  
Phone: (800) 314-4236 (Toll-Free)  
Email: questions@rtsupgrade.com  
Website: <https://www.rtsupgrade.com/>

For additional information on the Project, contact NY Transco by calling toll-free (800) 314-4236 or by emailing [questions@RTSUpgrade.com](mailto:questions@RTSUpgrade.com).

---