



## Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Helicopter Use Notification

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Dear Neighbor:

New York Transco (Transco) would like to share some important information with you on the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Upgrade (RTS) regarding the use of helicopters to assist construction.

### **Overview of Helicopter Work:**

Helicopters will be used for the purposes of wire stringing on the new RTS transmission monopole structures. Helicopters are used to fly the lead lines (i.e., pulling ropes) onto the structures. The lead lines are subsequently utilized by the ground-based wire pulling equipment to pull in the wires (i.e., conductors, OPGW, or shield wires).

Helicopters conducting this work follow Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight rules and utility requirements. All flights will occur during daylight hours. Helicopter use will be limited to approximately 500 feet from the center line of the project and routes to helicopter staging areas.

During wire stringing activities at road crossings, project flaggers may temporarily halt traffic to allow for the helicopter to safely carry the lead line and pull the wires over the roadways.

### **Timing:**

Helicopter work is scheduled to begin in mid-January to support wire stringing, but intermittent helicopter usage may occur through the next few months following initial wire installation.

### **Location:**

Helicopter work will occur between the Rock Tavern Substation in New Windsor and Prospect Road in Blooming Grove. Please note that additional helicopter work will occur further south as more project structures are installed along the project route into Chester.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue work on RTS. If you have any questions on RTS, please contact us at 800-314-4236 (toll-free) or [questions@RTSUpgrade.com](mailto:questions@RTSUpgrade.com).

Thank you,

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#### **About RTS**

*RTS is a 12-mile transmission line upgrade from New Windsor to Chester that stays within existing utility corridors and/or utility-owned lands to help New York meet key environmental and economic goals by facilitating the flow of clean energy.*