

Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Upgrade Project Update June-July 2021

Dear Neighbor,

New York Transco (Transco) recently hit a permitting milestone for the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Upgrade Project (RTS) through the signing of a Joint Proposal with parties involved in the State of New York's Article VII permitting process.

<u>RTS Overview</u>: RTS will replace and modernize an existing 12-mile 115 kV transmission line in an existing transmission corridor between existing and to-be-upgraded substations in New Windsor and Chester. RTS will help New York meet environmental and economic goals by adding capacity to the network to facilitate clean energy. Construction is anticipated to start in 2022 and be complete by the end of 2023.

Permitting Update: Since the Public Service Commission (PSC) deemed Transco's Article VII application complete, public information sessions and public hearings were held and numerous technical and settlement meetings occurred between interested parties. The result of those meetings was a Joint Proposal that has been signed by Transco; Department of Public Service (DPS); Department of Environmental Conservation; Department of Agriculture and Markets; and the Office of Parks, Recreations and Historic Preservation. The Joint Proposal includes proposed and agreed upon Certificate Conditions and safeguards that avoid or minimize adverse environmental impacts and prescribes guidelines and requirements for Transco's forthcoming Environmental Management and Construction Plans (EM&CP). On June 23, 2021, Transco filed the Joint Proposal, with the PSC and the documents are now available on the DPS's website under Case 20-T-0549.

<u>Next Steps</u>: The PSC will consider the Joint Proposal in connection with issuing a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to allow for the construction of RTS. Please note that Transco must submit an EM&CP to the PSC for their review and approval before construction can start. The EM&CP process, which has yet to begin, includes additional opportunities for public comment.

<u>Contact Us</u>: Toll-free hotline at 800-314-4236 or email at questions@RTSupgrade.com. We're committed to working with you. Project updates will continue to be communicated through direct mail and our website at RTSUpgrade.com. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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