

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 10-T-0080 - Application of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII for the Construction of a New 115kV Electric Transmission Line from Spier Falls, Saratoga County to Rotterdam, Schenectady County.

NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL FORUM
AND PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING

(Issued November 29, 2016)

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) invites public comment on a request by Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) to construct and operate a proposed substation and associated line connections, and to construct an associated access road, near the intersection of Lasher Road, Randall Road, and the former Finley Road in Ballston Spa, New York. If the request is approved, National Grid would be authorized to construct and operate a 115 kV/13.2 kV transmission switching and distribution substation, to be known as the Lasher Road Substation, and associated 115 kV tap lines that would tie into National Grid's existing Line 1, Line 2 and Line 302. National Grid also would be authorized to construct a gravel access road to the substation. The proposed size of the substation is about 400 feet by 450 feet or 4.2 acres. National Grid previously requested and received approval, in the form of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate), to construct a transmission line, roughly 33 miles long, from Spier Falls to Rotterdam. This current request is considered an amendment to that Certificate.

TAKE NOTICE that an opportunity for public information and comment regarding National Grid's request will be provided at the following time and place:

Date: Monday, December 19, 2016

**Times: 6:00 PM Informational Forum
6:30 PM Public Statement Hearing**

**Location: Town of Milton Community Center
310 Northline Road
Ballston Spa, New York 12020-2491**

In the half-hour prior to the public statement hearing, maps will be available to review, New York State Department of Public Service Staff representatives will give a short presentation on the review process in this case, and National Grid representatives will be available to answer questions about the proposed substation and tap lines. The public is welcome to stop in at any time during the half-hour when the informational forum is scheduled to review information and ask questions.

The informational forum will be followed by a public statement hearing where all those wishing to comment on the Certificate amendment request will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record before an Administrative Law Judge. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material to speak at the hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The public statement hearing will be held open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of the hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

Disabled persons requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources

Management Office at (518) 474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Commission at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to send comments to the Commission regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to "Case 10-T-0080 - National Grid - Lasher Road Substation."

Internet or Mail: Go to the Web site (www.dps.ny.gov), click on "Search," enter the case number (10-T-0080), and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page. Alternatively, e-mail comments may be sent directly to the Secretary to the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov or they may be mailed or delivered to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. All comments will become part of the record in this proceeding and will be reported to the Commission for its consideration. All submitted comments may be accessed on the Commission's Web site (go to www.dps.ny.gov, and then search using the case number). Many libraries offer free Internet access.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: You may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-State callers, 24 hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

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Comments submitted via these alternate means are requested by January 19, 2017.

National Grid's application may be viewed online (go to www.dps.ny.gov, and then search using case number "10-T-0080") or may be viewed at public libraries in Ballston Spa, Burnt Hills, Clifton Park, Corinth, Galway, Mechanicville, Northville, Round Lake, Saratoga Springs, Schenectady, Schuylerville, Stillwater, and Waterford.

(SIGNED)

KATHLEEN H. BURGESS
Secretary

December 5, 2016

Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, National Grid is undertaking a project on Lasher Road in the Town of Ballston to increase capacity and enhance the reliability of its electric system. The project calls for the construction of a new 115/13.2 kilovolt (kV) transmission switching and distribution station on Lasher Road and associated 115kV transmission line connections. The project is reflective of National Grid's commitment to best serve our customers.

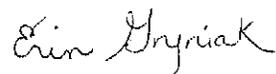
In order to answer any questions the public may have, the New York State Public Service Commission will be conducting an informational forum and public statement hearing. National Grid representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer any questions from the public. Details of the event are as follows:

Informational Forum & Public Statement Hearing

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Enclosed please find the Public Service Commission's Notice of Informational Forum and Public Statement Hearing as well as a Fact Sheet of the Project produced by National Grid. If you have any questions, or would like more information about the project, please call National Grid's project hotline at 1-844-727-6649, email the project team at info@capitalregionreliability.com, or visit the project website at www.capitalregionreliability.com.

Thank you,



Erin Gryniak
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Lasher Road Substation Project

Meeting Upstate New York's demand for electricity, today and tomorrow

About The Project

The Lasher Road Substation Project will serve the growing greater Saratoga NY area by increasing the reliability of electrical service to our residential customers. The Project calls for the construction of a new combined switching and 115/13.2 kilovolt (kV) distribution substation, with associated 115kV line connections, near the intersection of Lasher Road and Randall Road in the Town of Ballston. The proposed station footprint will be approximately 400 feet by 450 feet. The station will be surrounded by a fence and accessed by an approximately 120 foot long gravel access road off of Former Finley Road. Once the new station is constructed, National Grid will retire the existing Randall Road Station located at the intersection of Randall Road and Hop City Road.

Features & Benefits

- The Project will increase and improve reliability of electrical service to the region, allowing for future economic growth.
- National Grid will construct a new switching and distribution substation off of Lasher Road and eventually retire the aging Randall Road substation.
- The new, modern equipment will allow for rapid service restoration in case of an outage.
- The Project will improve electrical service reliability by relieving load to residential customers in the area.



For More Information:

Visit our Project website at:
www.capitalregionreliability.com

If you have any other questions, contact:
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