

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 JOINT PROPOSAL
AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

(Issued July 9, 2021)

On June 23, 2021, New York Transco LLC (Transco), Staff of the New York State Department of Public Service, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets, and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation submitted, for Commission consideration, a Joint Proposal for the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf project (RTS Project) located in the Towns of New Windsor, Hamptonburgh, Blooming Grove, and Chester in Orange County.

As described in the Joint Proposal in further detail, the RTS Project includes: the replacement of an existing 12-mile overhead 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line with a new transmission line of the same voltage between Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation's (Central Hudson) existing Rock Tavern Substation located in the Town of New Windsor and Central Hudson's Sugarloaf Switching Station located in the Town of Chester; the rebuild of the 115 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station as a substation; a new 138 kV tie line from the Rebuilt Sugarloaf Substation to Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc's

(O&R) existing 138 kV Sugarloaf Switching Station; the replacement of existing structures from the Rock Tavern Substation to the Sugarloaf Switching Station; and the replacement of the first structure outside of the Rebuilt Sugarloaf Substation. The Joint Proposal purports to resolve all issues in this proceeding and recommends conditions that the signatory parties agree should be applied to the RTS Project.

A summary of the Joint Proposal, along with the full Joint Proposal and all related documents, may be viewed electronically by going to the Department's web site at www.dps.ny.gov, and using the search function and case number ("20-T-0549").

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning the RTS Project and the Joint Proposal. Comments should refer to "Case 20-T-0549, Transco RTS Project" and be submitted by August 6, 2021.

Comments may be submitted electronically (go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "Search," search using case number "20-T-0549" and then click the "Post Comments" button at the top of the page; or email comments to the Secretary to the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov). Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.¹ Written comments will become part of the record in this proceeding and may be accessed on the Department's web site (go to www.dps.ny.gov, search using the case number, then click on the "Public Comments" tab).

Comments may be submitted by calling 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

¹ Filing electronically is strongly encouraged.

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day. These calls are not transcribed but a summary will be reported to the Commission.

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.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary

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RULING ON SCHEDULE AND PROCESS

(Issued July 9, 2021)

ASHLEY MORENO, Administrative Law Judge:

By ruling dated March 19, 2021, I adopted a schedule that established, as relevant here, the filing of testimony by trial staff of the Department of Public Service (DPS Staff) and intervenors on June 23, 2021. New York Transco LLC (Transco) filed a notice of impending settlement negotiations on April 2, 2021 and the parties have since been engaged in settlement discussions. On June 23, 2021, Transco filed a Joint Proposal executed by it, DPS Staff, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets, and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. In light of the foregoing, the evidentiary schedule established in the March 19, 2021 ruling is vacated.

I convened a procedural conference on June 29, 2021. All parties to the proceeding attended the conference. The parties advised me that there is no opposition to the Joint Proposal and suggested that the matter be brought to the Commission for determination. For the purpose of further

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developing the record in this proceeding, I directed the signatory parties to file witness affidavits in support of their positions no later than July 21, 2021; this ruling memorializes my oral directive.

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ASHLEY MORENO