

# Empire State Line Project

## About Empire State Line

The New York Public Service Commission (PSC) identified the need for new transmission to enable 3,700 megawatts (MW) of clean renewable energy in Western New York. Empire State Line was proposed by NextEra Energy Transmission New York (NEETNY) and was selected as the most cost effective and efficient solution to address the transmission need.

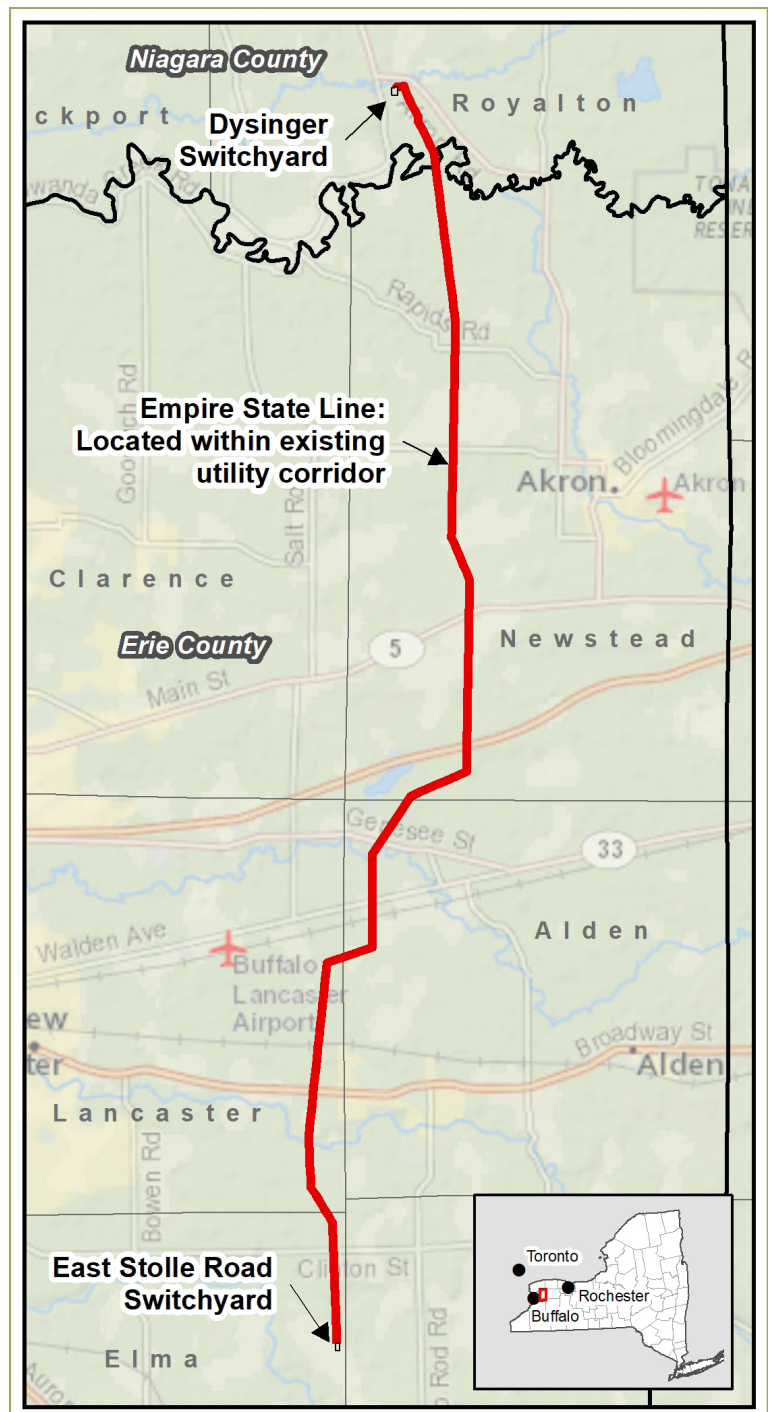
- » Approximately \$180 million project
- » Will enable 3,700 MW of clean renewable energy
- » Approximately 7.4 million tons of carbon emissions reduction
- » Will employ approximately 80-100 union workers during construction
- » Project will contribute an estimated \$3.5 million in property taxes in Year 1
- » Project has a required in-service date of July 2022

## Transmission Line Details

- » 20-mile 345 kilovolt transmission line project will start in Royalton and terminate in Elma
- » Approximately 98% of line will be located in existing utility corridor
- » Will be located adjacent to an existing 230 kilovolt transmission line
- » Will utilize steel monopole structures approximately 115 feet high
  - On average, 40 feet higher and 15 feet narrower than the existing H-Frame structures
  - Design reduces impacts to wetlands, farmlands, and forest land

## Switchyard Details

- » New 345 kilovolt switchyards will be located at both ends of the proposed transmission line
- » Dysinger Switchyard will be located on private property - NEETNY has an option agreement
- » East Stolle Road Switchyard will be located in the existing utility corridor
- » Switchyards will be surrounded by a chain-link security fence
- » Will comply with applicable noise limits
- » Lights will only be used during maintenance, and should have minimal impact to nearby residences



## Article VII Permitting Process

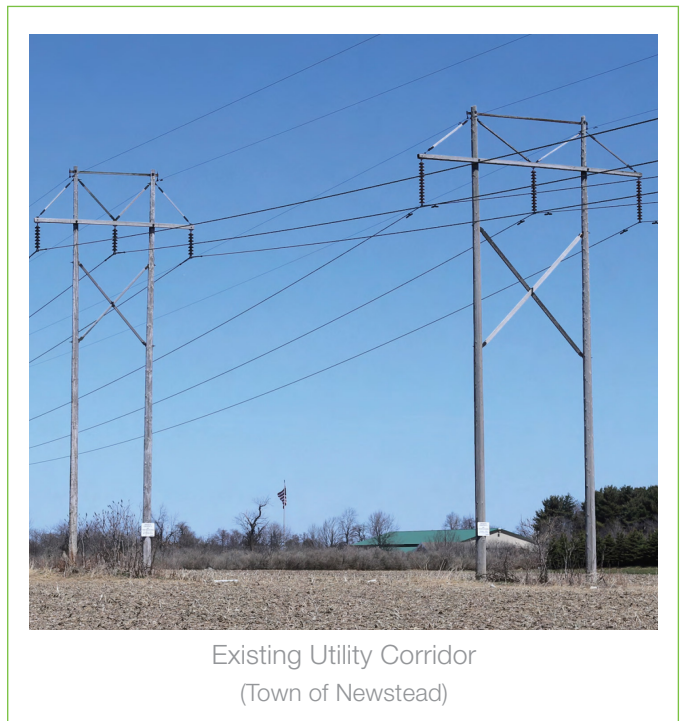
The project is governed by the state's Article VII process, which allows for significant local input. The Article VII process governs permitting, impact studies, final project approval and much more.

- » Application was filed on August 10, 2018
  - Includes preliminary engineering designs of the project
  - Assessment of environmental impacts
- » PSC may grant NEETNY a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (CECPN)
- » Physical copies of the Article VII application are available at the following local repositories:
  - Clarence Public Library
  - Eden Library
  - Elma Public Library
  - Lancaster Public Library
  - Marilla Free Library
  - Newstead Public Library
  - Royalton-Hartland Community Library

## How To Request Party Status

By filing for party status, landowner concerns can be heard directly by the PSC. Individuals or entities interested in participating in the proceeding may file for party status by taking the following steps:

- » Visit the Commission's website ([www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov)).
- » Click on "Search", and then select "Case Number".
- » In the "Search by Case Number" box type "**18-T-0499**", which will take you to the Project's Commission docket webpage.
- » Then click on "Request for Party Status" and follow the instructions to become a party.
- » An interested person or entity may request to become a party by sending written notice to the Secretary of the Commission within 30 days of public notice of the application filing, or if such deadline has passed, by filing a petition to intervene.



## Key Project Milestones

- » PSC determination that Application is complete
- » Public Statement Hearings
- » Procedural Conference
- » Evidentiary Hearings
- » Recommended Decision by Administrative Law Judge
- » PSC Opinion and Order
- » Environmental Management & Construction Plan (EM&CP) filed with PSC
- » Approval of EM&CP by PSC
- » Start of Construction

A copy of the Article VII Application can be found at:

<http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?Mattercaseno=18-T-0499>

For information about the Article VII Process, email the Secretary of the Commission at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov)

For information about the project or sign-up to be added to the stakeholder list to receive updates:

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