

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 18-T-0499 - Application of NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law for the Construction of a 20 Mile 345 Kilovolt Transmission Line Located in the Town of Royalton, Niagara County, and the Towns of Alden, Newstead, Lancaster, and Elma in Erie County.

NOTICE OF INFORMATION FORUMS
AND PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARINGS

(Issued January 15, 2019)

Public comment is sought on a request by NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. (NEETNY), to construct and operate the Empire State Line Project (ESL Project), a 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated switchyards in the town of Royalton in Niagara County and the towns of Alden, Newstead, Lancaster, and Elma in Erie County. If the request is granted, NEETNY would be authorized to construct and operate a new, approximately 20-mile long transmission line; a new 345 kV switchyard (Dysinger Switchyard) in Niagara County; and a second, new switchyard (East Stolle Switchyard) in Erie County. The 20-mile long transmission line would be built in an existing utility corridor, owned by New York State Electric and Gas Corporation, and would connect the proposed Dysinger and East Stolle Switchyards to each other. Two sets of transmission lines, about 0.5 and 0.4 miles long, respectively, also would be constructed to connect the new switchyards to already existing transmission lines.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that opportunities for public information and comment regarding NEETNY's request will be provided as follows:

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

**Location: Alden Town Hall - Auditorium
3311 Wende Road
Alden, New York**

**Times: 2:30 PM and 6:30 PM - Information Forums
3:00 PM and 7:00 PM - Public Statement Hearings**

During the information forums, 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 NEETNY's representatives will be available to answer questions about its proposal. The public is welcome to stop in at any time during the information forums to review information and ask questions.

Each information forum will be followed by a public statement hearing where all those wishing to comment on NEETNY's 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. Each 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.

Persons with disabilities 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 comment about this case to the Commission. Comments should refer to "Case 18-T-0499 - ESL Project, Article VII."

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "Search," enter the case number (18-T-0499), and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page; or send comments to the Secretary to the Commission at secretary@dps.ny.gov.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed or delivered to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.

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.

Comments submitted via these alternate means will be accepted throughout the pendency of this proceeding, but they are requested by **February 19, 2019**. Comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission. Written comments may be viewed at www.dps.ny.gov (search using the case number (18-T-0499) and click on the "Public Comments" tab). Many libraries offer free Internet access.

The application also may be viewed at public libraries in Clarence, Eden, Marilla, Alden, Elma, Lancaster, Akron, and Middleport.

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KATHLEEN H. BURGESS
Secretary