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**National Grid Transmission Project Public Statement Hearing Scheduled
— Two 115 kV Transmission Lines Proposed to be Rebuilt Across Portions of Western Erie
County —**

ALBANY — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today announced it will hold a public statement hearing in the Town of Hamburg, to receive comments on Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation’s d/b/a National Grid (National Grid), proposal to rebuild and operate two existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines, the Gardenville-Dunkirk 141 and 142 lines (the project). The portion of the two lines to be rebuilt extends from the North Angola Substation to existing Structure #4 which is located just south of National Grid’s Gardenville Substation. The two lines run approximately 20.31 miles across portions of Erie County, in parts of the Village of Angola, the Town of Evans, the Town of Hamburg, the Village of Blasdell, the City of Lackawanna, and the Town of West Seneca.

On August 30, 2018, pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law, National Grid filed an application with the Commission for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to rebuild and operate an electric transmission line. The existing 141/142 Lines are both 115kV circuits that originate at the Gardenville Substation and terminate at the Dunkirk Substation. They share the same double-circuit steel towers, heading generally south-west for approximately 45 miles. The Project would encompass the section of the existing 141/142 Lines from the North Angola Substation to existing Structure #4, which is located approximately 0.35 miles south of the existing Gardenville Substation for a total of 20.31 miles.

Opportunities for public information and comment will be provided, as follows:

Thursday, April 18, 2019

**Hamburg Town Hall
Conference Room 7
6100 South Park Ave.
Hamburg, NY 14075**

**6:00 P.M. – Information Forum
7:00 P.M. – Public Statement Hearing**

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

The information forum will be followed by a public statement hearing where all those wishing to comment on National Grid'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. 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.

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-0561 – Gardenville to Dunkirk, Article VII."

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "Search," enter the case number (18-T-0561), 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 May 31, 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-0561) and click on the "Public Comments" tab). Many libraries offer free Internet access.