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NYS Public Service Commission Authorizes 62 Upstate Transmission Projects *Electric Grid Upgrades Will Allow New York to Pursue Climate Goals*

ALBANY, Feb. 16, 2023 — The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) hails today’s announcement by the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve the request by major electric utility companies to develop 62 local transmission upgrades in three regions of New York. This authorization will help address congestion in energy delivery on the grid in the Capital District, the Southern Tier, and northern regions of the state.

“In order to keep moving towards our clean energy goals, New York needed grid investments in these three locations,” said Anne Reynolds, executive director of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York. “This will allow electricity generating projects to deliver the clean power they make and will facilitate additional renewable energy projects coming online.”

Requests were made by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, National Grid (upstate), and Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation. The projects, including upgrades to existing transmission lines and substations along with the construction of three new substations, are estimated to cost \$4.4 billion and create 3,500 MW of capacity for clean energy.

“For the first time, transmission planning was done through the lens of a clean energy future,” Reynolds said. “Starting in 2020, New York embarked on studying incremental transmission needs for our state to achieve the climate goals in the landmark 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). That comprehensive grid study directly led to today’s approval of certain local transmission system projects. These projects will help unbundle clean power in these locations, places where congestion and curtailment of renewable energy is already occurring.”

These upgrades have been identified as being necessary to support the New York Climate Act’s renewable energy goals and are expected to be completed by 2030.

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