



Moses-Adirondack Smart Path Proposed Transmission Facility Rebuild Case 18-T-0207

In April 2018, the New York Power Authority (NYPA), filed an application with the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) seeking approval to construct the Moses-Adirondack Smart Path Reliability project (Smart Path). NYPA plans to rebuild two substations and the existing 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines that extend approximately 86 miles from the Town of Massena, St. Lawrence County to the Town of Croghan, Lewis County, New York.

Informational Forum and Public Statement Hearings

Comments are invited on NYPA's request to construct the Smart Path project. Interested members of the public are invited to attend public statement hearings as noted below. Each hearing will be immediately preceded by an informational session, during which staff of the Department of Public Service (DPS) will provide an overview of the review process under the Public Service Law and NYPA representatives will be available to answer questions about the proposed project. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or present written materials in order to speak at the hearings.*

An Administrative Law Judge will preside over the public statement hearings and the gathering of public comments. Comments made at the hearings will be transcribed and become part of the formal record in this proceeding and will be presented to the Commission for its consideration. The Commission may adopt or reject NYPA's proposal in whole or in part or modify it.

Please join us at the following locations:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Location, Time. It lists three hearing events on November 28 and 29, 2018, at various locations in Croghan, Canton, and Massena, NY, with specific times for informational forums and public statement hearings.

* Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should contact DPS's Human Resources Management Office at 518-474-2520 as soon as possible. Telecommunication Relay Service users may request a sign language interpreter by calling the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding English are encouraged to call DPS at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services.

Description of the Project

On April 5, 2018, NYPA filed an application with the Commission for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII for the Smart Path project to rebuild the existing Moses-Adirondack (MA) 1&2 230 kV transmission lines. The Smart Path lines extend approximately 86 miles from the Robert Moses Switchyard in the Town of Massena, St. Lawrence County to the Adirondack Substation in the Town of Croghan, Lewis County, New York. The lines span the Towns of Croghan and Diana in Lewis County and the Towns of Canton, Edwards, Hermon, Louisville, Madrid, Massena, Norfolk, Pitcairn, Potsdam and Russell and the Village of Canton in St. Lawrence County.

The existing lines are currently installed on either steel lattice or wooden H-frame structures. The Smart Path project proposes to rebuild the MA 1&2 lines as predominantly two single circuit lines on steel monopoles. Although NYPA intends to design and construct the transmission lines with the capacity to operate at 345 kV, the initial operating voltage would be 230 kV. With the exception of an approximately one-mile reroute on the SUNY Canton campus, the Smart Path project will be constructed within the existing 250-foot-wide right-of-way maintained by NYPA. The project also proposes constructing new 345 kV switchyards at the NYPA's existing Moses Switchyard and Adirondack Substation when operation at 345 kV is needed.

Additional details are set forth in the project Application, which is available at www.dps.ny.gov. To access information regarding the project, click on "Search" and then enter case number 18-T-0207. In addition, copies of the Application can be found at public libraries in Canton, Croghan, Edwards, Harrisville, Hermon, Madrid, Massena, Norfolk, Potsdam and Russell.

Ways to Participate in the Article VII Process

There are several ways to participate in the process, including:

- **Request Party Status:** Becoming a party to a case enables an individual or group to contribute to the development of a complete record by conducting discovery, submitting testimony, briefs, or other formal written comments, and participating in evidentiary hearings, procedural conferences and other formal events conducted in the case.

Interested groups or individuals may submit a request for party status on-line through the Commission's www.dps.ny.gov website by searching the case number and clicking the "Request for Party Status" link at the top of the case page. Alternatively, a request form may be downloaded from the website or obtained by calling 518-474-4520. The requestor will be provisionally given party status, subject to the right of other parties to object and the determination of the Administrative Law Judge.

- **Join the Service List:** Interested persons may monitor the proceeding by subscribing to the service list. Such persons will receive an e-mail with a direct link to the documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulings. Persons unable or unwilling to receive such electronic notification will receive hard copies of Commission issued documents by regular mail.

To register on-line, click on the "Subscribe to Service List" link at the top of the page for Case 18-T-0207. A "Service List and Mail Service List Request Form" can be downloaded from the site and the completed form sent by e-mail to the Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail to: Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350.

- **Monitor the Case on the Commission Website:** Interested persons who choose not to sign up to receive e-mail notifications may view our website at their convenience to check on the status of a case. All public documents filed by parties, correspondence, hearing transcripts, and documents issued by the Commission in a given case are posted on the website for that case. In addition, all written comments submitted by the public are posted under the “public comments” tab for the case.

- **Provide Comments:** The public statement hearings identified in this fact sheet are being held to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on the proposed project. For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to send comments to the Commission regarding NYPA’s proposal. Comments should refer to “Case 18-T-0207” Submit comments:
 - **Via E-Mail/Mail:** Submit comments electronically to Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov or by mail to Secretary Burgess at the New York State Department of Public Service, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350. Comments delivered in these manners should reference “Case 18-T-0207.”

 - **Via the Department Website:** Comments may be entered directly into the case via the www.dps.ny.gov website, by entering the associated case number (18-T-0207) in the Search option found on the homepage. After opening the case, enter comments in the “Post Comments” tab located at the top of the page.

 - **Toll-Free Opinion Line:** Individuals may choose to submit comments by calling the Commission’s toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This line is set up to receive comments on pending cases from in-state callers, 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed, but they are summarized and reported to the Commission for its consideration. Callers should refer to Case 18-T-0207.

All comments provided through these methods are requested by **January 3, 2019**.