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PSC Seeks Public Comment on a Conjunction Underground Transmission Line Proposal

Albany, NY – 10/14/04 – The New York State Public Service Commission is seeking public comment regarding an application by Conjunction LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct a direct current, 1,000 megawatt (MW) underground electric transmission facility from the Town of Athens to the Rainey substation in the Borough of Queens, New York City.

The Commission may accept, reject or modify Conjunction's proposal. The Commission will hold the first public statement hearing to receive comments from interested members of the public as follows:

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

6:00 p.m.

Edward J. Arthur Elementary School

Cafeteria/Auditorium

51 Third Street

Athens, New York

Other public statement hearings will be scheduled in other locations along the proposed route. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance or to present written material in order to speak at the public statement hearing. Speakers will be called after completing a card requesting time to speak. The hearing will remain open for at least one hour and will continue until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements are made.

TDD users may request that a sign language interpreter be present at the public statement hearing. To make a request, please call the New York State Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management office at (518) 474-2520 through the New York Relay Service at 1-800-622-1220 or have a representative call collect directly to the office. Disabled persons who require special accommodations other than a sign language interpreter may place a collect call to the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management office at (518) 474-2520. All requests should be made as soon as possible.

Brief Description of the Project

Conjunction LLC originally filed an application in November 2003, followed by a supplement to that application on August 5, 2004. Conjunction is now proposing to construct, operate, and maintain a 1,000 MW underground transmission line running from a proposed alternating-to-direct current converter adjacent to the New York Power Authority's Gilboa-Leeds transmission line in the Town of Athens to the Rainey substation in the Borough of Queens, New York City, owned by Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. The length of the proposed direct current transmission line would be 124.6 miles, and would be constructed within the highway rights-of-way of the New York State Thruway and the Major Deegan Expressway running to the Washington Bridge in the Bronx. The line would then follow a service road, the Oak Point Link to the Harlem River Rail Yard, and the Harlem River Rail Yard to the shore of the Bronx Kill. A direct-to-alternating current converter would be located at an industrial site adjacent to the 145th Street Bridge in the Bronx. An alternating current line would then run to the Rainey substation. The length of the alternating current line would be 4.8 miles. Both the direct and alternating current lines would consist of solid cable. Except where they would be attached to road or railroad structures to cross bodies of water or roads, the lines would be underground.

Other Ways to Comment

Persons not wishing to speak at the public statement hearing, or who are unable to attend the hearing, may comment (in English or Spanish) on the Conjunction LLC Transmission Line Proposal by mailing their written statements to the Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. These letters should reference "Case 03-T-1641 – Conjunction LLC Transmission Line Proposal" and should be mailed in as soon as possible.

Other alternatives are available for submitting comments for consideration by the Commission:

Toll-free Opinion Line: Interested persons may call a special toll-free Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120 to voice their opinion. This phone line is set up to receive comments about the proceeding from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should press "1" to leave comments about the Conjunction Transmission Line Proposal.

The Internet: Comments may be submitted via the Commission's website, located at www.AskPSC.com by filling in the electronic "Comment Form" located in the "Contact Us" file. Comments are downloaded regularly. Many libraries offer free Internet access.

All statements and comments received in this case will be considered in the Commission's review process and will be placed in the public case file and be made available for public inspection in the Commission's file room. The Conjunction Transmission Line Proposal can be viewed at the Commission's offices, Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY.