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Virtual Public Information Forums to be Held on New York Transco's Proposed Transmission Project

ALBANY — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) announced that it will hold two virtual public information forums on Thursday, April 29, 2021, concerning the application of New York Transco LLC (Transco) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) to construct, operate and maintain the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf project (the Project) located within the Towns of New Windsor, Hamptonburgh, Blooming Grove, and Chester in Orange County.

On February 25, 2021, the Commission Secretary advised Transco that its application was deemed compliant with the Public Service Law as of February 11, 2021. In order to construct the Project, Transco must first obtain a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Commission pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law. Transco's proposed Project includes the replacement of an existing 12-mile overhead 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line and associated transmission towers spanning between the Rock Tavern Substation, located in the Town of New Windsor and the existing Sugarloaf switching station, located in the Town of Chester. The Project also includes upgrades to the existing Sugarloaf switching station owned by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (Central Hudson), construction of a new 138 kV tie line that would exit the rebuilt Central Hudson Sugarloaf Substation and terminate at the existing 138 kV Sugarloaf switching station owned by Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., and replacement of the first structure outside the rebuilt Central Hudson Sugarloaf Substation. The Project is proposed to be located entirely within an existing utility-owned or controlled right-of-way and on existing utility-owned or controlled land.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Information Forums will be held virtually before Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Ashley Moreno. At the Information Forums, Department of Public Service trial staff will provide an overview of the Commission's certification process. Transco will then present a brief summary of its Project. Members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions about the process and the application pending before the Commission. The information forums will be held as follows:

<p>DATE: Thursday, April 29, 2021 TIME: 1:00 P.M.</p> <p>Electronic Access: www.webex.com Event Number: 129 430 0208 Password: 4.29Info1pm</p> <p>Phone-Only Access: (518) 549-0500 Access Code: 129 430 0208</p>	<p>DATE: Thursday, April 29, 2021 TIME: 5:00 P.M.</p> <p>Electronic Access: www.webex.com Event Number: 129 678 9277 Password: 4.29Info5pm</p> <p>Phone-Only Access: (518) 549-0500 Access Code: 129 678 9277</p>
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All participants will be muted upon entry into the information forums.

To participate electronically: On the day of the forums, participants should visit www.webex.com, click “Join” at the top right-hand corner of the screen, and input the appropriate event number for the forum. Participants will be asked to input their names – please input your first and last name as this will assist the ALJ in addressing questions during the forum. Participants will be asked to “select audio systems.” It is recommended that participants choose to have the system “call me” or “call using computer.” The “call me” option will require participants to enter their phone numbers. It is recommended that participants login a few minutes before the forum begins.

To participate by phone: Any participant who is not able to login to a forum electronically may participate by phone. On the day of the forums, use the phone access number, (518) 549-0500, and the appropriate access code listed above to join the hearing.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service’s Human Resource 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 Department at (800) 342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

The application may be reviewed online at the Department of Public Service website, www.dps.ny.gov. To access documents, go to “Search,” type the case number, “20-T-0549,” and click “Search by Case Number.” The application is also available for review at local public libraries in the project vicinity.