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PSC Approves Certificate for Construction of Flat Rock Wind Power Electric Transmission Line Project Between Towns of Martinsburg and Watson, Lewis County

Albany, NY – 4/8/04 – The New York State Public Service Commission today voted to issue, with conditions, a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) to Flat Rock Wind Power, LLC (Flat Rock) to construct a 10.3 mile-long overhead 230-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line to connect the proposed Flat Rock Wind Power Generating Facility in the Town of Martinsburg to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's (Niagara Mohawk) 230-kV Adirondack-Porter Line in the Town of Watson, both located in Lewis County. The line would enable the transmission of electricity from a clean, renewable source to the New York State power grid.

"The approval of the Flat Rock transmission line proposal demonstrates the continued commitment of the Commission to identify and encourage sound and efficient energy initiatives that strengthen our state's electricity system," said Commission Chairman William M. Flynn. "This transmission line will be a vital link to a significant source of renewable energy that can help meet New York State's future energy needs".

The Flat Rock Wind Power Generating Project would consist of approximately 185 wind turbine generators with a total capacity of approximately 300 megawatts. The proposed generating project itself will require certification by the Commission under section 68 of the State Public Service Law.

The Commission voted to approve a Joint Proposal governing the construction of the line that was developed by Flat Rock, the staffs of the State Departments of Environmental Conservation, Public Service, Agriculture and Markets, and Niagara Mohawk. All parties agree that the transmission line will be consistent with the state's current long range energy goals, including the objectives identified in the 2002 State Energy Plan. The Proposal includes measures that assure the transmission line is protective of the environment, including cultural

resources and agricultural lands, and that the interconnection will be compatible with the system facilities of Niagara Mohawk and the New York Power Authority. No comments in opposition to the transmission line proposal were filed with the Commission. All speakers at the Commission's December 3, 2003 public statement hearing supported construction of the proposed transmission line.

The transmission line will run from an electric substation Flat Rock proposes to construct on Rector Road at the site of its proposed wind farm project to an electric substation it proposes to construct near Chases Lake Road and Wetmore Road in the Town of Watson. The Chases Lake Road facility will be interconnected with Niagara Mohawk's 230 kV Adirondack-Porter Line. The electric transmission facility will consist of a single circuit, 230-kV overhead transmission line of approximately 10.3 miles.

The Commission will issue a written decision detailing today's vote. The decision in Commission Case 03-T-0515, when available, can be obtained from the Commission's website at <http://www.dps.state.ny.us> by accessing the Commission Documents section of the homepage. Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission orders can also be obtained from the Files Office, 14th floor, 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500).