



New York PSC to hold public hearing on National Grid's proposal to build new 115-kV line

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nationalgrid The New York State Public Service Commission (PSC), in a notice issued on Nov. 29, said that a public informational forum and a public statement hearing will be held on Dec. 19 in Ballston Spa, N.Y., on **Niagara Mohawk Power's** d/b/a **National Grid's** application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the construction of a new 115-kV electric transmission line from Spiers Falls, Saratoga County, to Rotterdam, Schenectady County.

According to the notice, National Grid seeks to build and operate a proposed substation and associated line connections, and to build an associated access road, near the intersection of Lasher Road, Randall Road, and the former Finley Road in Ballston Spa.

If the request is approved, National Grid would be authorized to build and operate a 115-kV/13.2-kV transmission switching and distribution substation, to be known as the Lasher Road substation, and associated 115-kV tap lines that would tie into National Grid's existing Line 1, Line 2, and Line 302. The company would also be authorized to build a gravel access road to the substation, the notice added.

The proposed size of the substation is about 4.2 acres.

The notice also said that the company previously requested and received approval, in the form of a certificate, to build a transmission line, roughly 33 miles long, from Spier Falls to Rotterdam; this current request is considered an amendment to that certificate.

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