18-T-0499 – Application of NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law for the Construction of a 20 Mile 345 Kilovolt Transmission Line Located in the Town of Royalton, Niagara County, and the Towns of Alden, Newstead, Lancaster, and Elma in Erie County.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION

On June 16, 2020, the New York State Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("Certificate") to NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. ("NEETNY"), to construct and operate the Empire State Line Project, an approximately 20-mile long 345-kilovolt ("kV") transmission line and associated switchyards in the town of Royalton in Niagara County and the towns of Alden, Newstead, Lancaster, and Elma in Erie County; a new 345 kV switchyard, the Dysinger Switchyard, in Niagara County; and a second, new switchyard, the East Stolle Switchyard, in Erie County.

On November 19, 2020, the Commission approved an Environmental Management and Construction Plan ("EM&CP") for the Project. The EM&CP details the Project design, and provides both typical and site-specific techniques, procedures and requirements to be followed in the development of the Project by NEETNY to ensure environmental protection. A map of the Project is provided below.

Construction of the Project is anticipated to commence on or about March 2, 2021. Surveys may begin on your property prior to that date.

An electronic version of the EM&CP will be available for public inspection online on the Commission's Document and Matter Management page for this case at the following location: http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=18-T-0499&submit=Search. The EM&CP can also be found by visiting the Commission's web site (http://www.dps.ny.gov), clicking the "Search" tab, and entering "18-T-0499" in the "Search by Case Number" box.

The EM&CP will also be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

- Clarence Public Library, Three Town Place, Clarence, NY 14031
 - o Phone: 716-741-2650
 - o Monica Mooney, Director
- Eden Library, 2901 E. Church St., Eden, NY 14057
 - o Phone: 716-992-4028
 - o Donna-Jo Webster, Library Director
- Elma Public Library, 1860 Bowen Rd., Elma, NY 14059
 - o Phone: 716-652-2719
 - o Thomas Carloni, Director

- Lancaster Public Library, 5466 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086
 - o Phone: 716-683-1120
 - o Kara Stock, Director
- Marilla Free Library, 11637 Bullis Rd., Marilla, NY 14102
 - o Phone: 716-652-7449
 - o Shannon Thompson, Director
- Newstead Public Library, 33 Main St., Akron, NY 14001
 - o Phone: 716-542-2327
 - o Kristine Sutton, Director
- Royalton-Hartland Community Library, 9 S. Vernon St., Middleport NY 14105
 - o Phone: 716-735-3281
 - o mdtrpt@nioga.org

Additional information may be obtained and concerns regarding construction of the Project may also be made by calling (800) 311-1621 or contacting:

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<u>Inquires and/or concerns may also be submitted online at</u> https://www.empirestateline.com/contact-us

Further information about the Project also may be obtained by visiting the Project website at www.empirestateline.com.

The Project is under the jurisdiction of the New York State Public Service Commission, which is responsible for enforcing compliance with the Certificate and EM&CP. The Commission may be contacted below:

Hon. Michelle Phillips | Secretary of the Commission | New York State Department of Public Service | Three Empire Plaza, Albany, NY 12223-1350 | Phone: 518-474-6530 | Fax: 518-486-6081 | E-mail: secretary@dps.ny.gov

