# NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project

**Project Information** 

CASE 13-T-\_\_:

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 MARCY TO PLEASANT VALLEY PROJECT

#### APPLICATION

NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. (NEETNY), pursuant to Section 122 of the New York Public Service Law, Part 85 of the State of New York Public Service Commission's (Commission) rules, and the Commission's orders in Case 12-T-0502 on April 22, 2013 and September 19, 2013, hereby applies for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need under Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law to construct and operate a new, approximately 148-mile 345-kilovolt (kV) single-circuit alternating current (AC) transmission line parallel and adjacent to existing transmission lines between the existing Marcy Substation in Oneida County and the existing Pleasant Valley Substation in Dutchess County, with an expected in-service date of September 2017. These facilities are referred to in this Application as the "Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project" or the "Project." In support of its Application, NEETNY submits the attached executive summary, exhibits, testimony, and appendices.

In its April 22, 2013 and September 19, 2013 orders, the Commission specified that for purposes of Part A, applicants should provide the information required under 16 New York Code, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 85-2.8(a), (b), (d) and (f) in its application. Therefore, NEETNY provides in this Application a description of the proposed facility (Section 85-2.8(a)), a statement of the location of the proposed right-of-way (ROW) (Section 85-2.8(b)), a statement

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NEETNY's current filing includes the "Part A" requirements outlined in the Commission's April 22, 2013 and September 19, 2013 orders in Case No. 12-T-0502. The "Part B" requirements will be provided to the Commission at a future date as set forth by the Commission. Together, the Part A and Part B filings will encompass NEETNY's comprehensive Article VII application.

explaining the need for the proposed facility (Section 85-2.8(d)), and other information that NEETNY deems necessary or desirable (Section 85-2.8(f)). Pursuant to the Commission's September 19, 2013 order in Case 12-T-0502, the Application also includes the development schedule for the Project in the Preliminary Scoping Statement.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The Project consists of a new approximately 148-mile 345-kV AC single-circuit transmission line between the existing Marcy and Pleasant Valley electrical substations. The Project will be constructed primarily on spun concrete monopoles. Where appropriate, self-supported structures, steel structures, hybrid concrete/steel structures, or lattice towers will be used. The line rating for this circuit is 1986 megavolt ampere (MVA), and 2-1590 thousand circular mils (kcmil) aluminum conductor, steel reinforced (ACSR) conductors per phase will be used.

The Project will utilize, to the extent practical, existing ROWs to minimize additional ROW acquisitions. However, where construction in an existing ROW is not possible, the transmission line will be located on a new ROW up to 100 feet wide and located adjacent to and parallel to the existing transmission facilities.

### LOCATION OF THE TRANSMISSION RIGHT-OF-WAY

The Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project, as shown on Figure 2-1 in Exhibit 2, will interconnect at the Marcy Substation in Oneida County and run through Herkimer, Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, Albany, Greene, and Columbia Counties, and terminate at the Pleasant Valley Substation in Dutchess County. From the Marcy Substation, the Project will run to the New Scotland Substation, with an aerial crossing of the Erie Canal/Mohawk River, the New York State Thruway (I-90), and an operating railroad line. From the New Scotland Substation, the line will run to the Leeds Substation and then to the Pleasant Valley Substation. NEETNY is evaluating both underground/submarine and aerial crossings of the Hudson River from the Town of Athens, Greene County, on the west bank to the Town of Greenport, Columbia County, on the east, crossing under an operational railroad line.

NEETNY is evaluating various alternate routes, some of which require new substations, which offer the potential to mitigate and/or avoid sensitive resources and environmental areas of concern, as well as provide opportunities to reduce construction and operational costs and to ensure that the optimal comprehensive solution is delivered. NEETNY will conduct further analyses of alternative routes as part of developing its Part B Application. An alternate route would run from Marcy to Princetown to New Scotland, with a new substation at Princetown and rebuilt 230-kV lines to Rotterdam. Another alternate includes a route that would replace the New Scotland to Pleasant Valley portion of the line with a 345-kV transmission line running from a new 345-kV Knickerbocker Substation in the Town of Schodack, Rensselaer County, to the Pleasant Valley Substation. Other alternate routes are under review as well. Further information regarding alternate routes and substations may be found in Exhibit 2 of the Application.

The route selected will best meet the objectives of the New York Energy Highway Blueprint (the Energy Highway Blueprint) and the Commission directives—including maximizing the use of existing facilities and ROW to the extent practical, minimizing the creation of new ROW, minimizing impacts to environmentally/ecologically sensitive resources and landowners, upgrading the transmission system to improve reliability—all while providing the most benefit at the least cost to ratepayers.

### SUMMARY OF STUDIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED FACILITY

Although the Commission's April 22, 2013 order specifies that applicants are not required to provide in the Part A Application a description of any reasonable alternative location or routes for the Project or a summary and description of any studies that have been made of the environmental impact of the Project, NEETNY provides the following information on the preliminary environmental studies it has conducted and/or will be conducting with respect to the Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project.

NEETNY plans to design, construct, and operate the Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project in a manner that avoids or minimizes impacts to environmental resources within Oneida, Herkimer, Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, Albany, Greene, Columbia, and Dutchess Counties. In selecting the Project's route, NEETNY conducted an extensive review of available data, supplemented by site visits, literature reviews, spatial data analysis, parcel identification, and agency and municipal consultations to identify and assess existing environmental conditions in, and adjacent to, the existing transmission corridors.

NEETNY is proposing additional studies as set forth in Appendix A, the Preliminary Scoping Statement, in preparation for filing Exhibit 4 of the Part B of the Application, which will provide results of those studies related to:

- Land uses;
- Aesthetics, visual, and recreational resources;
- Historic and cultural resources:
- Terrestrial ecology and wetlands;
- Wildlife and threatened and endangered species;
- Topography, geology and soils;
- Water resources;
- Noise:
- Transmission line electric and magnetic fields;
- Sensitive receptors, such as schools and hospitals; and
- Critical environmental areas and state forests.

### NEED FOR THE PROPOSED FACILITY

The Project is being proposed as part of the Energy Highway Blueprint and is necessary to relieve congestion, improve local and regional reliability and enable new renewable and conventional generation. A key finding of the Energy Highway Blueprint was the need to expand transmission by 1,000 megawatts (MW) in the corridor that traverses the Mohawk Valley Region, the Capital Region, and the Lower Hudson Valley to reduce the congestion that currently limits the ability to carry excess power Downstate. The corridor includes facilities connected to Marcy, New Scotland, Leeds, and Pleasant Valley substations and two major electrical interfaces, which are referred to as "Central East" and "Upper New York to Southeast New York"

(UPNY/SENY). The Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project will satisfy the objectives of the Energy Highway Blueprint and the Commission's orders by providing congestion relief along the Central East and UPNY/SENY Interfaces. This will result in production cost savings, improve transmission system losses, reduce capacity payments, reduce demand congestion costs, and reduce operating reserve costs. By improving the transfer capability of the transmission system, the Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project should enable additional new generation, including renewable generation, to be delivered from Upstate New York to Downstate New York, thereby resulting in an overall increase in fuel supply diversity.

In addition to providing congestion relief, the Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project will benefit system reliability, flexibility, and efficiency by providing a new transmission path along key interfaces in the New York transmission system. The Project will therefore reinforce the existing grid against system failures, whether due to aging infrastructure, generation retirements, or severe weather conditions.

The Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project will also improve the resiliency of the system between key transmission substations and create a more robust (and blackout-resistant) transmission system by: (1) strengthening the overall transmission system by providing an additional parallel transmission path; (2) increasing access to additional important generation resources under contingency/emergency events; and (3) enabling additional transfers of power across the system during severe system conditions in Downstate New York.

### OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

NEETNY has filed concurrently with this Application a motion for waiver of the requirements of 16 NYCRR Section 88.4(a)(4).

### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, and the accompanying testimony, exhibits, and other information, NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission, pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law:

### 1. Accept this Application for filing;

- At the conclusion of these proceedings, issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project described herein; and
- Grant NEETNY such other authorizations as necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project.

Dated: October 1, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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Application

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**Service List** 

### **SERVICE LIST**

This Service List addresses the requirements of 16 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 85-2.10 and the New York State Public Service Commission's (Commission) orders in Case No. 12-T-0502 on April 22, 2013 and September 19, 2013.

### NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. Marcy to Pleasant Valley Project Article VII Service List

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Frothingham Free Library

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Fonda, NY 12068

Rotterdam Public Library

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Albany, NY 12208

Castleton Public Library

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Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033

**Dunham Public Library** 

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Weller Library

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Mohawk, NY 13407

Guilderland Public Library

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**Oneida County** 

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The Oneida Daily Dispatch

**Fulton County** 

The Recorder

The Leader Herald

**Montgomery County** 

The Recorder

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**Schenectady County** 

The Times Union

The Daily Gazette

**Albany County** 

The Times Union

**Greene County** 

The Register Star The Columbia Paper

The Greene County News

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**Dutchess County** 

The Poughkeepsie Journal

**Rensselaer County** 

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is necessary to improve local and regional reliability and enable new renewable and conventional generation. A copy of the application filed with the Public Service Commission will be served upon the chief executive officers of Oneida, Herkimer, Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, Albany, Greene, Columbia and Dutchess Counties and the municipalities that will be traversed by the Project and will be available in the local public libraries in or closest to each community on or before the same date as the application is filed with the Public Service Commission

GENERAL INFORMA-TION: The Project consists of a new approximately 150-mile, 345-kV single-circuit overhead transmission line between the existing Marcy and Pleasant Valley Substations. This Project will be constructed primarily on spun concrete pole structures. Where appropriate, self-supported structures, steel structures, and hybrid concrete/steel structures or lattice towers will be The Marcy to used. Pleasant Valley transmission line will utilize to the extent practical the

existing rights-of-way (ROWs) to minimize the additional ROW acquisitions; however the proposed transmission line will be generally located on a new ROW up to 100 feet wide and located adjacent to and parallel to the existing New York Power Authority, National Grid and ConEd facilities.

The Project would interconnect at the Marcy Substation in Oneida County and run through Herkimer, Fulton,

Montgomery, Schenectady, Albany, Greene, and Columbia Counties, and terminate at the Pleasant Valley Substation in Dutchess County. Alternative transmission routes could also run through Renssela

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DATE OF ARTICLE VII FILING: NEETNY expects to file an Article VII application with the Public Service Commission on or about October 1, 2013. Copies of the application will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at: John J. Bach Brank of Albany Public Library, 455 New Scotland Ave, Albany; Claverack Library, 629 New York 23B, Claverack; Hyde Park Free Library, 2 Main Street, Hyde Park: Hermance Memorial Library, 1 Ely Street, Coxsackie; Hudson Area Library, 400 State Street, Hudson; D R Evart Library, 80 2nd Street, Athens; RCS

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Route 19, Livingston;
Pleasant Valley Free Library, 1584 Main Street,
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Public Library,
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School Road, Voorheesville: Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar; Dunham Public Library, 76 Main St, Whitesboro; Supreme Court Library, 235 Elizabeth Street, Utica; Frank J Basloe Library, 245 North Main Street, Herkimer; Weller Library, 41 W Main St, Mohawk; Little Falls Public Library, 706 E Main St, Little Falls: Fort Plain Free Library, 19 Willett Street, Fort Plain; Dolgeville Public Library, 24 North Main Street, Dolgevil 1e:

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ton Public Library, 85 S MainSt, Castleton-on-Hudson; Frankfort Free Library, 123 South Frankfort Street, Frankfort; Kinderhook Memorial Library, 18 Hudson Street, Kinderhook; Rotterdam Public Library, 1100 North Westcott Road, Schenectady; Main Library, 161 Washington Avenue, Albany; and Canajoharie Library, 2 Erie Boulevard, Canajoharie.

In addition, copies of the application also will be available for public inspection at the Department of Public Service Offices in Albany (Office of Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223).

ADDITIONAL ASSIS-TANCE: For information or assistance concerning the application, interested persons may contact the following: Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess
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