

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation

Rochester Transmission Project Enhancement

Appendix A

Public Outreach

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APPENDIX A: PUBLIC OUTREACH

Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E or the Applicant) either has undertaken or intends to undertake the following public outreach and information efforts in support of this Article VII Amendment Application (the Application) for the Rochester Transmission Project Enhancement (the Project).

- The Project has been discussed between RG&E and Staff of the New York State Department of Public Service (NYSDPS) at a number of meetings, including one held on July 23, 2019 at the NYSDPS Office in Albany, New York.
- A Public Notice of the Application was published in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle on January 23 and January 30, 2020. A copy of the Public Notice is included in this Appendix as Attachment A-1.
- Hard copies of the Application are being delivered to the following local libraries to be available for public inspection:

Gates Public Library
902 Elmgrove Road
Rochester, NY 14624

Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County
115 South Avenue
Rochester, NY 14604

Rochester Public Library
Lyell Branch
956 Lyell Avenue
Rochester, NY 14606

- Members of the RG&E Project team met with local officials regarding RG&E's intention to file the Application. The first meeting was held in the Town of Gates on August 13, 2019, with the Town Supervisor and the Public Works Commissioner. The second

meeting was held in the City of Rochester on August 25, 2019, with the Commissioner of Environmental Services and his staff.

- Emails were sent in conjunction with the filing of the Application to local officials with the Town of Gates, City of Rochester and Monroe County, and State Senators and Assemblymembers representing the area in which the Project is proposed. The emails will serve as notice or reminder of RG&E's intention to file the Application, and will include a copy of the notifications served or sent to landowners.
- Each landowner of property on which any portion of the Project is proposed to be located was served by first class mail on February 10, 2020 with a notice that such landowner's property may be impacted by the Project, including a description of the Project and an explanation of how to file with the New York State Public Service Commission (the Commission) a notice of intent to be a party to the Article VII proceeding and the timeframe for filing the Application. A copy of that notice is included in this Appendix as Attachment A-2.
- Landowners of property that abut the Project will be sent a letter in February 2020 to notify them of the Project. Landowners of property that abut the alternate routes that were considered in the development of the Application will also receive letters notifying them of the Project. A Project Fact Sheet that RG&E has developed will be attached to each letter. The forms of these letters and the Project Fact Sheet are included in this Appendix as Attachment A-3.
- State Agencies, State and Local Officials, libraries, and other parties listed on the Application Service List will be served with a copy of the Application. A copy of that Service List is included in this Appendix as Attachment A-4.

- A toll-free telephone number has been established for people seeking additional information about the Project: 888-379-9995.
- The Project Fact Sheet will be posted on the RG&E website (www.RGE.com: *Our Company/Reliable Service/Reliability Projects*). By visiting this website, stakeholders will have the opportunity to learn about the Project – including an overview, purpose and need, facts, scope, benefits to the region, estimated timetable, and Project maps. RG&E plans to establish a standalone website and email address for the Project following submission of the Application. The URL for the website will be RochesterTransmissionEnhancement.com and the email address will be info@RochesterTransmissionEnhancement.com.
- RG&E has scheduled two open house events after filing the Application to give the public the opportunity to learn more about the Project:

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
 3 to 6 p.m.
 Rochester Public Library, Lyell Branch
 956 Lyell Avenue
 Rochester, NY 14606

Wednesday, March 11, 2020
 4 to 7 p.m.
 Town of Gates Town Hall, Annex,
 1605 Buffalo Road
 Rochester, NY 14624

RG&E representatives will be available to answer questions from the public at these open houses.

- RG&E will conduct additional open house events for the public in conjunction with any Public Statement Hearing(s) that are convened by the Commission.

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Attachment A-1

Public Notice

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION TO AMEND THE CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC NEED ISSUED IN CASE 03-T-1385 TO ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROCHESTER TRANSMISSION PROJECT ENHANCEMENT (LINE 949) IN MONROE COUNTY

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (“RG&E” or “Applicant”) is providing public notice of its intent to file an application (“Application”) for an amendment to the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need issued to it in Case 03-T-1385 (“Certificate”) pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law. The Certificate authorized RG&E to construct, operate and maintain the Rochester Transmission Project (“RTP”) comprised of approximately 32 miles of new or rebuilt 115 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission lines and equipment upgrades at several existing substations in Wayne County and a new approximately 5.7 mile 115 kV transmission line, substation and equipment upgrades in Monroe County, including reconstructing Line 916 and upgrading Station 48 in the City of Rochester.

The requested amendment to the Certificate would permit RG&E to construct a new 115 kV transmission line (Line 949) for a total of 6.7 miles from Station 418 in the Town of Gates to Station 48 in the City of Rochester and to expand and upgrade Stations 48 and 418 (collectively, the “Project”). Since part of the Project involves permitting a portion of the proposed new Line 949 to be double-circuited on new structures with the existing Line 916 that was constructed pursuant to the Certificate, and since another part of the Project involves modifying Station 48 which was upgraded pursuant to the Certificate, the Applicant is requesting an amendment of the Certificate.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that RG&E intends to file an Application with the State of New York Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in the above-entitled matter for an amendment to the Certificate.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

In its Application, RG&E will propose: construction, operation and maintenance of an approximately 0.34 mile section of Line 949 on double-circuit structures with existing Line 916, and the remaining approximately 6.36 miles of Line 949; expansion/upgrade of Stations 48 and 418; installation of stormwater management features; establishing one or more temporary laydown/staging areas and marshaling yards; and constructing or improving supporting access roads.

The Project will allow RG&E to continue to ensure reliable service to customers in its Western Division. Specifically, constructing a transmission line to connect Station 48 and Station 418 will allow for the radial condition of Station 418 to be mitigated, reinforce the bulk power supply, allow for the voltage to remain within normal operating range, and ensure reliable service under the N-1 and N-1-1 contingency loss of other New York Bulk Electric System elements.

Several siting alternatives were analyzed, resulting in the final proposal as described herein. These alternatives will be discussed in Exhibit 3 of the Application.

PROPOSED SITE

The Applicant proposes to locate the Project within and along existing electric transmission and railroad rights-of-way (“ROW”). In certain areas new transmission line ROW will be required to accommodate the Project and maintain required clearances. The location of Project facilities will be shown in figures in Exhibit 2 of the Application.

During the course of the proceeding, alternate locations for the proposed facilities not included in the Application filing or affected by the proposed primary location may be offered without further notice by publication. In addition, the Commission may, without further notice by publication, approve a location for the proposed facilities in municipalities not presently affected by the proposed location.

DATE OF FILING

RG&E expects to file the Application with the Commission on or about February 7, 2020.

AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION

A copy of the Application filed with the Commission will be served upon the chief executive officers of Monroe County, the City of Rochester and the Town of Gates, and will be available in a number of public libraries close to the Project site on or shortly after the date the Application is filed with the Commission. In addition, copies of the Application 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 ASSISTANCE

For information or assistance concerning the Application, interested persons may contact the following:

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips

Secretary

State of New York Public Service Commission

Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3

Albany, NY 12223-1350

Phone: (518) 474-6530

Fax: (518) 486-6081

Email: secretary@dps.ny.gov

RTP Enhancement Information Line: 888-379-9995

Attachment A-2

Statutory Landowner Notice

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NOTICE UNDER PSL §122(2)(c)

BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

TO ALL LANDOWNERS OF LAND ON WHICH ANY PORTION OF THE FACILITY PROPOSED IN ROCHESTER GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S PUBLIC SERVICE LAW ARTICLE VII CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IS TO BE LOCATED:

Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E) intends to file an application (the Application) on or about February 10, 2020 with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) pursuant to Public Service Law Article VII requesting an amendment to the *Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need* issued in Case 03-T-1385 to allow RG&E to construct and operate its proposed Rochester Transmission Project Enhancement (the Project). The Project is the construction and operation of a new 115 kV transmission line (Line 949) for a total of 6.7 miles from Station 418 in the Town of Gates to Station 48 in the City of Rochester, and the expansion and upgrade of Stations 48 and 418. An approximately 0.3-mile section of Line 949 will be installed on double-circuit structures with existing Line 916, which was authorized by the PSC in Case 03-T-1385. RG&E proposes to locate the Project primarily along existing electric transmission and railroad rights-of-way (ROW). In some areas new transmission line ROW will be required to accommodate the Project and maintain required clearances. The Project also includes installation of stormwater management features; establishing one or more temporary laydown/staging areas and marshaling yards; and constructing or improving supporting access roads. The Project will allow RG&E to continue to ensure reliable service to customers in its Western Division.

Your property may be impacted by this Project.

After the Application has been filed, interested persons who wish to participate as parties in this case may file a request for party status. This may be done through the PSC's web site. From the home page of the PSC's web site (<http://www.dps.ny.gov>), a prospective party should click on "Search." On the Search page, the "Search by Case Number" box should be filled in with the number for this case (03-T-1385). This will bring the user to the main Document and Matter Management (DMM) page for this case. On that page, the prospective party should click the button at the upper right labeled "Request for Party Status" to see a web page with instructions for the procedures to follow to become a party. The timeframe for filing a request to be a party to this case is throughout the pendency of the case.

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Abutter Notices and Project Fact Sheet

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**Rochester Transmission Project Enhancement
Notice to Neighbors
February 2020**

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The Project is subject to Article VII of the Public Service Law, which requires RG&E to obtain approval from the PSC. The Application will be publicly available on the PSC's website (www.dps.ny.gov), at Department of Public Service Offices in Albany (Office of Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223) and at various public libraries located near the Project site.

For your review, attached are a Project Fact Sheet that includes Project information, including a map showing the proposed route of the Project, and a copy of the Public Notice that was published in the *Democrat and Chronicle*. RG&E plans to hold two public open houses to allow interested parties and stakeholders to obtain more information and to ask questions regarding the Project:

1. Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 3 to 6 p.m., Rochester Public Library, Lyell Branch, 956 Lyell Avenue, Rochester; and
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The Project, as proposed, would not be located in the vicinity of your property. However, your property is located adjacent to one of the alternate routes that was considered in the development of the Project.

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RG&E

An AVANGRID Company

Rochester Transmission Project Enhancement

CONTACT

Project Information Line: **888.379.9995**

Refer to: **Rochester Transmission Project (RTP) Enhancement**

Website: **RochesterTransmissionEnhancement.com**

PROJECT OVERVIEW

As part of our commitment to provide safe and reliable service to all our customers, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (RG&E), in conjunction with our parent company, AVANGRID, is updating the electric transmission system in our service areas. These upgrades comply with new federal reliability requirements. While we are investing in upgrades to meet the community's growing energy demands, we are working closely with our neighbors to ensure that all improvements are performed safely and with minimal disruption to the environment and the community.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

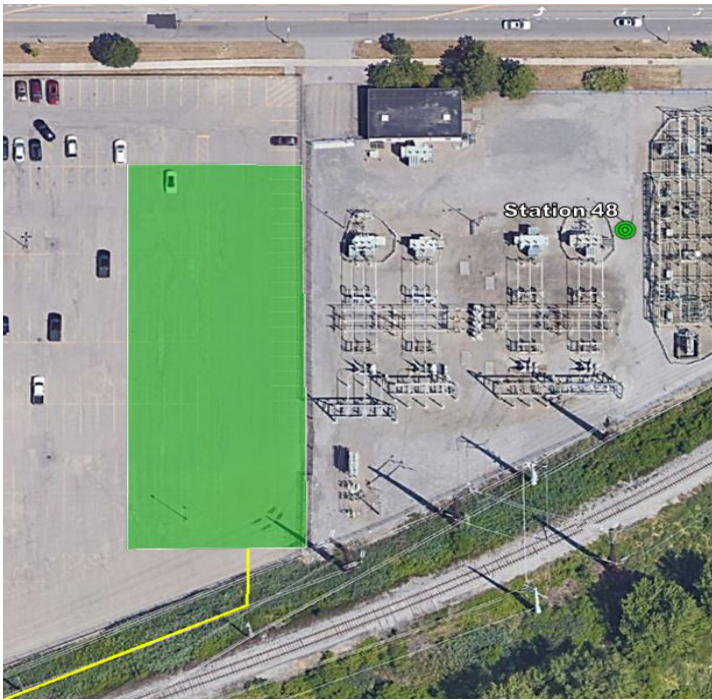
In 2010 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) established a "Brightline" threshold that redefined Bulk Electric System (BES) transmission elements as those

operating at 100kV and above. In response, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) updated its reliability standards and issued a "Brightline Order."

To comply with these more stringent reliability standards issued at the federal level, RG&E plans to install a new 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (L949) between Station 48, located on Lexington Avenue in the City of Rochester, and Station 418, located in the vicinity of the Rochester Technology Park in the Town of Gates, and to expand and upgrade Stations 48 and 418 to accommodate the proposed new line. This project, known as the Rochester Transmission Project (RTP) Enhancement, will provide an additional source of power to Station 418, reinforce the bulk power supply and ensure reliable service under certain contingency scenarios.



Planned route of new transmission line (L949) between Station 418 in the Town of Gates and Station 48 in the City of Rochester.



Planned route of new transmission line (L949) into Station 418 in the Town of Gates and into Station 48 in the City of Rochester.

PROJECT SCOPE

- Addition of a new 115kV transmission line (L949) between Station 48 (City of Rochester) and Station 418 (Town of Gates).
- Proposed L949 total length approximately 6.7 miles located in the City of Rochester (2.5 miles) and Town of Gates (4.2 miles).
- Expansion and upgrade of Stations 48 and 418 to accommodate the receipt of L949.
- Minimizing land impacts by installing L949 along existing electric transmission line rights-of-way and replacing single-circuit poles with double-circuit poles.
- Public Outreach will be conducted via public information meetings, project Fact Sheets, and website updates.
- The project requires an amendment to a PSC Article VII Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need.

PROJECT FACTS

Municipalities:	City of Rochester and Town of Gates
County:	Monroe
Permits:	Federal and State (Article VII Amendment)

ESTIMATED TIMETABLE *(subject to change)*

Initial Field Work:	Completed
Article VII Amendment Application Filing:	Q1 2020
Estimated Construction Duration:	19 months

BENEFITS TO THE REGION

- The upgraded and expanded facilities will meet the growing demand for additional power in the Rochester region.
- The additional energy brought into the area by the project will encourage and support expanded economic development.
- The upgrades will improve the reliability and resiliency of the entire transmission system, ensuring that the safe and reliable distribution of power is maintained.

Attachment A-4

Service List

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RG&E
ROCHESTER TRANSMISSION PROJECT ENHANCEMENT
PUBLIC SERVICE LAW ARTICLE VII APPLICATION
SERVICE LIST
CASE 03-T-1385

NEW YORK STATE AGENCIES

Commissioner
NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets
10B Airline Drive
Albany, NY 12235

Regional Director
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Region 8
6274 East Avon-Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414-9519

Commissioner
NYS Dept. of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232

Secretary of State
NYS Dept. of State
One Commerce Plaza
99 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12231-0001

Commissioner
NYS Canal Commission
30 South Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12207

Commissioner
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-1011

Commissioner
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic
Preservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207

Regional Director
NYS Dept. of Transportation
Region 4
1530 Jefferson Road
Rochester, NY 14623

President, CEO, and Commissioner
NYS Dept. of Economic Development
633 Third Avenue, 33rd Floor
New York, NY 10017-6706

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

Hon. David F. Gantt
New York State Assembly
137th District
LOB 704
Albany, NY 12248

Hon. Peter Lawrence
New York State Assembly
134th District
LOB 722
Albany, NY 12248

Hon. Harry B. Bronson
New York State Assembly
138th District
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Albany, NY 12248

Hon. Jamie Romeo
New York State Assembly
136th District
LOB 429
Albany, NY 12248

NEW YORK STATE SENATE

Hon. Rich Funke
New York State Senate
55th District
LOB 415
Albany, NY 12247

Hon. Joseph E. Robach
New York State Senate
56th District
LOB 711
Albany, NY 12247

Hon. Robert G. Ort
New York State Senate
62nd District
LOB 617
Albany, NY 12247

Hon. Michael H. Ranzenhofer
New York State Senate
61st District
LOB 513
Albany, NY 12247

NEW YORK COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

County Executive
Monroe County
Monroe County Executive's Office
110 County Office Building
39 West Main Street
Rochester, NY 14614

Supervisor
Town of Gates
1605 Buffalo Road
Rochester, NY 14624

Mayor
City of Rochester
30 Church Street
Rochester, NY 14614

Supervisor
Town of Greece
1 Vince Tofany Boulevard
Rochester, NY 14612

Supervisor
Town of Ogden
269 Ogden Center Road
Spencerport, NY 14559

LIBRARIES

Walworth-Seely Public Library
3600 Lorraine Drive
Walworth, NY 14568

Macedon Public Library
30 W. Main Street
Macedon, NY 14502

Ontario Public Library
1850 Ridge Rd
Ontario, NY 14519

Brighton Memorial Library
2300 Elmwood Ave
Rochester, NY 14618

Chili Public Library
3333 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624

Rochester Public Library
Lyell Branch
956 Lyell Avenue
Rochester, NY 14606

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625 Calkins Rd
Rochester, NY 14623

Greece Public Library
Two Vince Tofany Boulevard
Rochester, NY 14612

Maplewood Community Library
1111 Dewey Ave
Rochester, NY 14613

OTHER PARTIES IDENTIFIED ON THE SERVICE LIST IN CASE 03-T-1385

Richard Parker
General Park Manager
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation
Genesee Park Region
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Castile, NY 14427-1124

Mr. Martin Crosson
US Army Corps of Engineers
Buffalo District
1776 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14207