

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 24-T-0710 - Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law, for the Finger Lakes Area Infrastructure Reliability Project.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION FORUM AND
PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING, AND SOLICITING COMMENTS

(Issued September 4, 2025)

On December 18, 2024, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) filed an application pursuant to Public Service Law Article VII for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Application) seeking, authorization to construct, operate, and maintain the Finger Lakes Area Infrastructure Reliability Project (the Project). NYSEG seeks to rebuild its existing Line 982, a 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that runs about 20.7 miles from the Montour Falls Substation in the Town of Montour, Schuyler County, to the Coddington Substation in the Town of Ithaca, Tompkins County. NYSEG proposes to rebuild Line 982 primarily on its existing centerline. The Project includes replacement of the existing line's conductors, insulators, and existing structures, as well as the installation of stormwater management features, establishment of one or more temporary staging areas and marshaling yards, and the construction or improvement of access roads. The activities proposed to be performed in connection with the Project will take place in Schuyler County in the Towns of Montour, Catherine, and Hector and in Tompkins County in the Towns of Enfield, Newfield, Danby, and Ithaca.

Prior to beginning construction of the Project, NYSEG must first obtain a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law.

Under New York State Law, the Commission may adopt or reject NYSEG's proposal, in whole or part, or modify it. In doing so, the Commission will consider input from those participating in this proceeding and the public. Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) are presiding over the gathering of public comments and all evidence related to the Project. As indicated in this Notice, a public statement hearing will be held to obtain comments from the public concerning NYSEG's proposal.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that opportunities for public information and comment regarding NYSEG's Application will be provided as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, October 8, 2025

**LOCATION: The Human Services Complex
Conference Room 120
323 Owego Street
Montour Falls, NY 14865**

**TIME: INFORMATION FORUM
1:00 p.m.**

**PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING
2:30 p.m.**

During the scheduled information forum, maps of the proposed route will be available to review. New York State Department of Public Service (Department) representatives will provide an overview of the Commission's certification process, NYSEG will present a summary of the Project, and then members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions about the process and NYSEG's Application.

The information forum will be followed by a public statement hearing where those wishing to comment on NYSEG's Application will have an opportunity to make a statement on the record before the ALJs. It is not necessary to make an appointment in advance, or present written material to speak at a hearing. Persons will be called to speak after completing a request card. The public statement hearing will be held open a minimum of 30 minutes and will be kept open until everyone wishing to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements have been made to include their comments in the record. A verbatim transcript of the public statement hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this proceeding.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department's Human Resource Management Office at (518) 473-9463 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at 800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this Notice.

Other Ways to Comment

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at the public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments. Comments should refer to "Case 24-T-0710" and **must be received by January 29, 2026.**

Internet or Mail: Go to www.dps.ny.gov, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "24-T-0710" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then click on "Post Comments" at the top of the page.

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York, 12223-1350; however,

electronic filing of comments is strongly encouraged. All written comments submitted in accordance with this Notice will be posted on the Department website and can be accessed by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab. Please be advised that untimely comments may not be considered by the Commission.

Toll-Free Opinion Line: Individuals may submit comments by calling the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-State callers 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

The Application may be reviewed online at www.dps.ny.gov. To access documents, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), and enter "24-T-0710" in the "Search by Case Number" field.

(SIGNED)

MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS
Secretary