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## **Proposed Oakdale-Fraser Transmission Project**

NYSEG's proposed second Oakdale to Fraser 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line project is a cost-effective means of increasing the power transfer capability from electric generators to meet electricity demand. The project is expected to significantly lower the overall cost of electricity and improve electric service reliability in New York State.

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

**Q.** Who is undertaking this project?

**A.** NYSEG

**Q.** Where is the work taking place?

**A.** The proposed second Oakdale to Fraser 345-kV transmission line will be constructed in and along an existing right of way and on additional properties for which easements of varying widths will be required between the Oakdale Substation in the Town of Union (Broome County) and the Fraser Substation in the Town of Delhi (Delaware County), a distance of approximately 57.7 miles.

The proposed transmission line will be built parallel to NYSEG's existing 345-kV transmission line. The existing line is, and the proposed line will be, part of the state's high voltage transmission system, providing an important path for power transfers across the state. The Oakdale and Fraser Substations are major hubs for serving load in their respective areas and also provide interconnections with other important elements of the high voltage transmission system.

The Oakdale and Fraser Substations will need to be modified to accommodate the new transmission line.

**Q.** What is the scope of work for the second Oakdale to Fraser transmission line project?

**A.** The project will increase the power transfer capability of the region's high voltage transmission system by adding a second 345-kV transmission line between the Oakdale and Fraser Substations.



**Q.** Why is there a need for this project?

**A.** The second Oakdale to Fraser 345-kV transmission line project is needed to relieve transmission congestion points and to enable more power to flow from electric generators to meet electricity demand. According to the New York Independent System Operator, the entity that's responsible for overseeing the state's high voltage transmission system, congestion cost New York consumers approximately \$1.1 billion in 2010.

**Q.** When will the work begin and how long will it take to complete?

**A.** Work is anticipated to begin in 2014, dependent on New York State Public Service Commission's approval of the project. The proposed in-service date for the second Oakdale to Fraser 345-kV transmission line is December 2018.

**Q.** What benefits will the second Oakdale to Fraser 345-kV transmission line project provide?

**A.** The proposed second Oakdale to Fraser 345-kV transmission line project will increase the power transfer capabilities of the region's high voltage transmission system and strengthen the state's power grid. It also will reduce the approximately \$1.1 billion of congestion costs that New York consumers currently pay.

**Q.** What approvals are needed for the project to proceed?

**A.** NYSEG is required to file an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) under Article VII of Public Service Law. The Article VII application process engages environmental and community interests in a comprehensive manner, involving public outreach, review and monitoring by the PSC. As part of the Article VII review process, NYSEG must list, in Exhibit 7 of the application, all substantive local requirements in each municipality in which the second Oakdale to Fraser 345-kV transmission line project is proposed to be located that are applicable to the construction and maintenance of the project, and state whether NYSEG can comply with such requirements. Substantive requirements contained in a municipality's local laws are applicable unless the PSC finds the local laws to be unreasonably restrictive and refuses to apply them. NYSEG may request a waiver of such local laws and regulations, and will list the reasons why it believes waiver is justified. The PSC has the authority to refuse to apply any local legal requirement that, as applied to the proposed project, is unreasonably restrictive in view of existing technology, factors of cost or economics, or the needs of the consumers.

Other required approvals and permits have not been fully identified. The application is expected to be filed on or about October 1, 2013 in conjunction with several other transmission projects being proposed by other transmission owners.



**Q.** How can stakeholders and the general public monitor the second Oakdale to Fraser 345-kV transmission line project as it develops?

**A.** A stakeholder can contact the Department of Public Service and obtain Active Party status, which will provide the stakeholder with regular notifications and updates on the project. The general public can view updates on the project's website at [nyseg.com](http://nyseg.com), which will be made available on or about October 1, 2013. In addition, copies of the Article VII application filed by NYSEG with respect to the second Oakdale to Fraser 345-kV transmission line project will be available for review at public libraries, municipal buildings and the PSC's website.

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