



## Public Service Commission

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### **Virtual Public Information Forums Set Regarding Monroe County Transmission Lines**

**ALBANY** — The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold two virtual public information forums on **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**, regarding Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation's (RG&E) application to construct 22.5 miles of 115 Kilovolt (kV) transmission lines in Monroe County.

On November 23, 2021, RG&E filed an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law. If granted, the certificate would authorize RG&E to construct, operate, and maintain the Monroe County Reliability project to be located in the Village of Spencerport and the towns of Gates, Greece, Ogden, and Parma in Monroe County.

The proposed project would include replacement of RG&E's four existing 115 kV electric transmission lines (existing lines 947, 946, 945, and 917) with new 115 kV lines over an aggregate distance of approximately 22.5 miles from RG&E's Station 418 to its Station 7, with connections to: RG&E's Station 113; the Spencerport Municipal Electric Substation; and RG&E's Stations 70, 71, 69, and 93. It also would include the reconstruction of segments of several lower-voltage lines that are, and would remain, underbuilt in the same right-of-way (ROW) as the proposed lines. The rebuilding of each 115 kV transmission line would include reconductoring, replacing all insulators, and replacing existing structures with taller single-circuit steel structures that would hold the proposed lines. The rebuilding of the lower-voltage lines would likewise include reconductoring, replacing all insulators, and underbuilding the lines on the new structures supporting the proposed lines. The project, as proposed, 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.

RG&E proposes to locate the project primarily within and along existing electric ROW corridors, however some new ROW would be required to accommodate the project, maintain required clearances, and minimize impacts. RG&E would also acquire additional rights outside of the ROW to selectively remove danger trees.

In considering this application, the Commission may adopt or reject RG&E’s proposal, in whole or part, or modify it. In doing so, the Commission will consider input from the participating parties and the general public.

At the virtual information forums, trial staff of the Department of Public Service will provide an overview of the Commission’s certification process, RG&E will present a brief summary of the proposed project, and then members of the public will then have an opportunity to ask questions about the process and the application. Those wishing to comment on any aspect of this proceeding will have the opportunity to comment on the record at the virtual public statement hearings scheduled for March 22, 2023.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that information forums will be held the virtually before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) as follows:

<p><b>DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023</b> <b>TIME: 1:00 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>Electronic Access:</b> <a href="http://www.webex.com">www.webex.com</a> <b>Event Number:</b> 2337 701 1386 <b>Password:</b> Mar15-1pm</p> <p><b>Phone-Only Access:</b> 518-549-0500 <b>Access Code:</b> 2337 701 1386</p>
<p><b>DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023</b> <b>TIME: 5:00 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>Electronic Access:</b> <a href="http://www.webex.com">www.webex.com</a> <b>Event Number:</b> 2344 489 0566 <b>Password:</b> Mar15-5pm</p> <p><b>Phone-Only Access:</b> 518-549-0500 <b>Access Code:</b> 2344 489 0566</p>

**To participate electronically:** On the day of the forums, participants should visit [www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com), click “Join” at the top right-hand corner of the screen, and input the appropriate event number for the forum. Participants will be asked to input their names – please input your first name and last name as this will assist the ALJ in addressing questions during the forum. Participants will be asked to “select audio systems.” It is recommended that participants choose to have the system “call me” or “call using computer.” The “call me” option will require participants to enter their phone numbers. It is recommended that participants log in a few minutes before each forum begins.

**To participate by phone:** Any participant who is not able to log in to a forum electronically may participate by phone. On the day of the forums, call 518-549-0500, and then enter the appropriate access code listed above to join the forum.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service’s Human Resource Management Office at 518-474-2520 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 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

The application may be reviewed online at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov). To access documents, click on "File Search" (located under the heading "Commission Files"), enter "21-T-0574" in the "Search by Case Number" field. The application is also available for review at local public libraries in the project vicinity.

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