

## Upstate Upgrade: Smarter, Stronger, Cleaner Upcoming Aerial Photography in Your Neighborhood | March 2024

We are writing to notify you of upcoming aerial photography taking place in your neighborhood. The photography will be conducted using an unmanned aerial system (UAS), or drone. The aerial photography is necessary to provide a bird's eye view and visual record of our infrastructure and the habitat and terrain of areas along our electric grid right-of-way.

The resulting photography will be used for a variety of purposes, including educational videos and other information materials National Grid produces to explain what it takes to design and construct large, complex electric transmission line projects.

You may see the UAS in the air in the vicinity of your property. The following measures are followed to comply with all regulations for safety and privacy:

- National Grid conducts all UAS work in compliance with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) Voluntary Best Practices for UAS Privacy, Transparency, and Accountability.
- During flight, the UAS will be focused on existing National Grid assets or the general landscape. The UAS will not be used to collect imagery of specific individuals or property.
- UAS work will also be performed in accordance with all relevant Federal, State, OSHA, or FAA regulations and any safe work methods as required in the National Grid UAS General Operations Manual, UAS Electric Operating Procedure and Employee Safety Handbook.
- UAS crew members will wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when performing work for National Grid. Standard PPE includes:
  - Hard hat (branded)
  - High visibility vest or shirt (branded)
- The National Grid UAS crew vehicle (car or truck) will be branded.
- National Grid uses systems manufactured by Skydio, an American Drone manufacturer based in California.
- Residents may hear a slight 'buzzing' when the drone is flying nearby.

If you have questions about this activity, please contact us at **(800) 390-6634** or email **[UpstateUpgradeCNY@nationalgrid.com](mailto:UpstateUpgradeCNY@nationalgrid.com)**. We appreciate your understanding as we conduct activities related to improvements to our electric grid.

