

Upstate Upgrade:

Building a smarter, stronger, cleaner energy future

Black River–Beaver River 115kV Transmission Rebuild Project Permitting Notice & Project Information | Spring 2025

Dear Neighbor,

We're building a smarter, stronger, cleaner energy grid to deliver a more resilient energy network for our customers.

Our work, taking place across Upstate New York, is called the **Upstate Upgrade**. It involves more than 70 projects through 2030 that will transform the transmission grid to meet growing demand for electricity while generating thousands of new jobs and more than \$1 billion in economic growth across the region.

On or about March 28, 2025, National Grid plans to begin the permitting process for Black River–Beaver River 115kV Transmission Rebuild Project located in Jefferson and Lewis Counties. Below and attached you will find information on the project and the permitting process.

What is the Black River–Beaver River 115kV Transmission Rebuild Project?

Previously known as the Black River–Porter 115kV Transmission Rebuild Project, National Grid has separated the overall project into two separate segments: Beaver River–Porter and Black River–Beaver River. The Black River–Beaver River project is the second segment being submitted to the Public Service Commission for an Article VII Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. The project is a 27.44 mile, 115kV electric transmission line rebuild. The project will replace aging infrastructure and improve reliability and resiliency while creating jobs and other regional economic benefits. The project is estimated to begin construction in fall 2026.

What is the permitting process?

The initiative will be permitted under Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law. The Article VII permitting process begins with an application to the New York Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. Next, the PSC hosts a public statement hearing to gather feedback from interested parties. If the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is granted by the PSC, we will then submit an Environmental Management and Construction Plan for PSC approval. The Environmental Management and Construction Plan provides details for project construction. Information on the Article VII process can be found on our website, UpstateUpgrade.NationalGrid.com.

How can I participate in the process?

The Article VII application will be available for public review at Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library, Croghan Free Library, and Carthage Free Library, as well as on the PSC's website www.dps.ny.gov.

As part of our outreach, we will hold public information sessions to enable interested parties to learn more and ask questions about the project. You will receive an invitation to these sessions. Public comments will be accepted throughout the permitting and construction phases of the project. Comments can be made directly to us at our contact information below, or to the New York State Department of Public Service at [dps.ny.gov](https://www.dps.ny.gov). Once established, a direct link to the Department of Public Service website for the project will also be available at natgrid.com/BlackriverBeaverriver.

What are the next steps?

Updates will be mailed directly to you and available on our project website, natgrid.com/BlackriverBeaverriver. For more information, contact us at **844-236-5977** or UpstateUpgradeCNY@nationalgrid.com.

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