

Upstate Upgrade:

Building a smarter, stronger energy future

South Oswego–Tar Hill 115 kV Transmission Rebuild Project

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

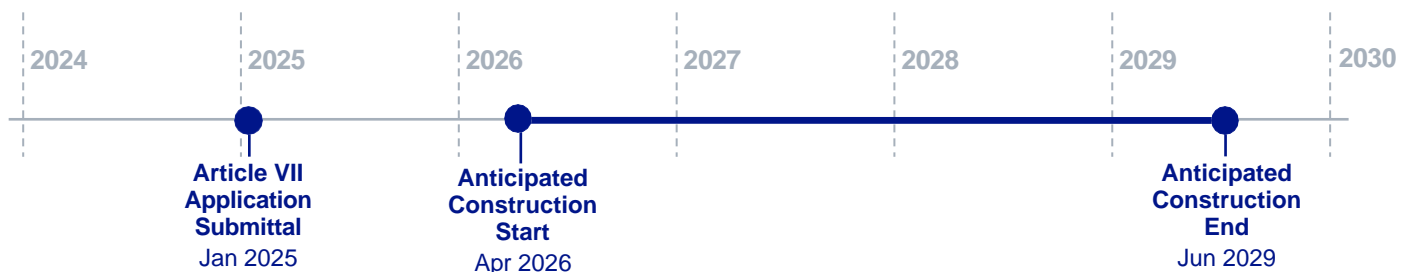
Our work, taking place in neighborhoods like yours across Upstate New York, is called the **Upstate Upgrade**. It involves more than 70 projects through 2030 that will transform the transmission grid to meet growing demand for electricity while generating thousands of new jobs and more than \$1 billion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

In Oswego County, this work includes rebuilding transmission lines totaling approximately 29 miles. The project is located in the City of Oswego, and the towns of Albion, Mexico, New Haven, Orwell, Richland, and Scriba. The electric voltage and length of the project requires an Article VII Certificate issued by the New York State Public Service Commission.

Project Description

The South Oswego–Tar Hill 115 kV Transmission Rebuild Project will replace the existing double circuit 115 kV transmission lines with double circuit or two single circuit lines, depending on the location, to improve reliability. The new lines will be placed on either one or two monopole tubular steel structures, and will operate at 115 kV, the current voltage. The project will also include the construction of two new substations: East Ave Substation (Oswego, NY) and Maiden Lane Substation (Scriba, NY).

Proposed Project Schedule



Permitting Overview

The project 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 (PSC) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need. Once the Certificate is granted by the PSC, we will submit the Environmental Management and Construction Plan for PSC approval. The Environmental Management and Construction Plan provides detailed plans for project construction. Information on the Article VII process can be found on our website, UpstateUpgrade.NationalGrid.com.



Article VII Process

The Article VII application is available for public review at Oswego Public Library in Oswego, Orwell-Cogswell Free Library in Orwell, Hoag Library in Albion, and Mexico Public Library in Mexico, as well as on the PSC's website dps.ny.gov. As part of our outreach, we will hold public information sessions so interested parties can 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. Once established, a link to the Department of Public Service website for the project and design details will also be available at nationalgrid.com/southoswegotarhill.

Stakeholder Engagement & Outreach

We are committed to a proactive, inclusive, and robust stakeholder engagement process. We will provide project updates and meeting notices to neighbors and the public, which will include information on how you can participate in the Article VII permitting process. Our team takes pride in its commitment to working with our customers and communities to ensure feedback is considered and addressed in a timely and transparent manner.



Questions?



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