

Upstate Upgrade:

Building a smarter, stronger energy future

Black River-Clay 115 kV Transmission Rebuild Project

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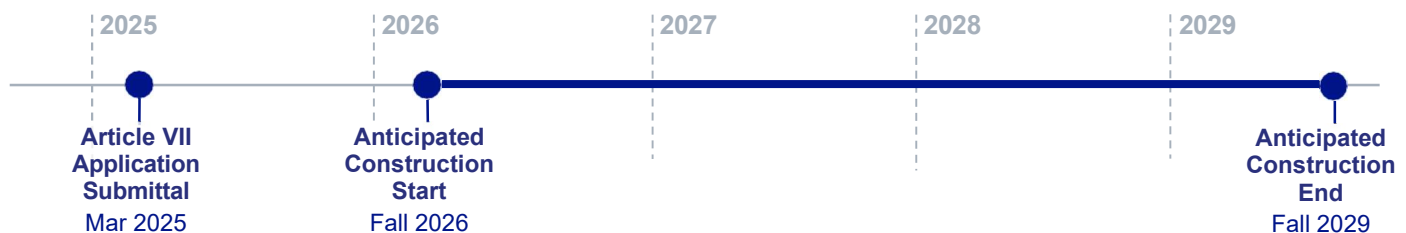
The Upstate Upgrade, our largest investment in New York's electricity transmission system since it was built, will deliver a smarter, stronger energy grid to support a more robust, resilient, and secure energy network for customers and communities for decades to come. These upgrades will improve service while generating thousands of new jobs and more than \$1.9 billion in economic growth in Upstate New York.

In Onondaga, Oswego, and Jefferson Counties, this work includes rebuilding transmission lines, totaling approximately 60.9 miles. The project is located in the towns of Clay, Cicero, Hastings, Parish, Albion, Orwell, Boylston, Lorraine, Worth, Rodman, Rutland, LeRay, and the Village of Central Square. 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 Black River-Clay 115 kV Transmission Rebuild Project will rebuild existing 115 kV transmission lines and will include the construction of the new Staplin Creek Substation in Rutland. The existing double circuit 115 kV transmission lines will be replaced as two single-circuit lines to improve reliability. The new lines will be placed on new galvanized steel structures and will operate at 115 kV, the current voltage. When it becomes available, we will share more information about the design, including images of the proposed work, on the project website.

Proposed Project Schedule



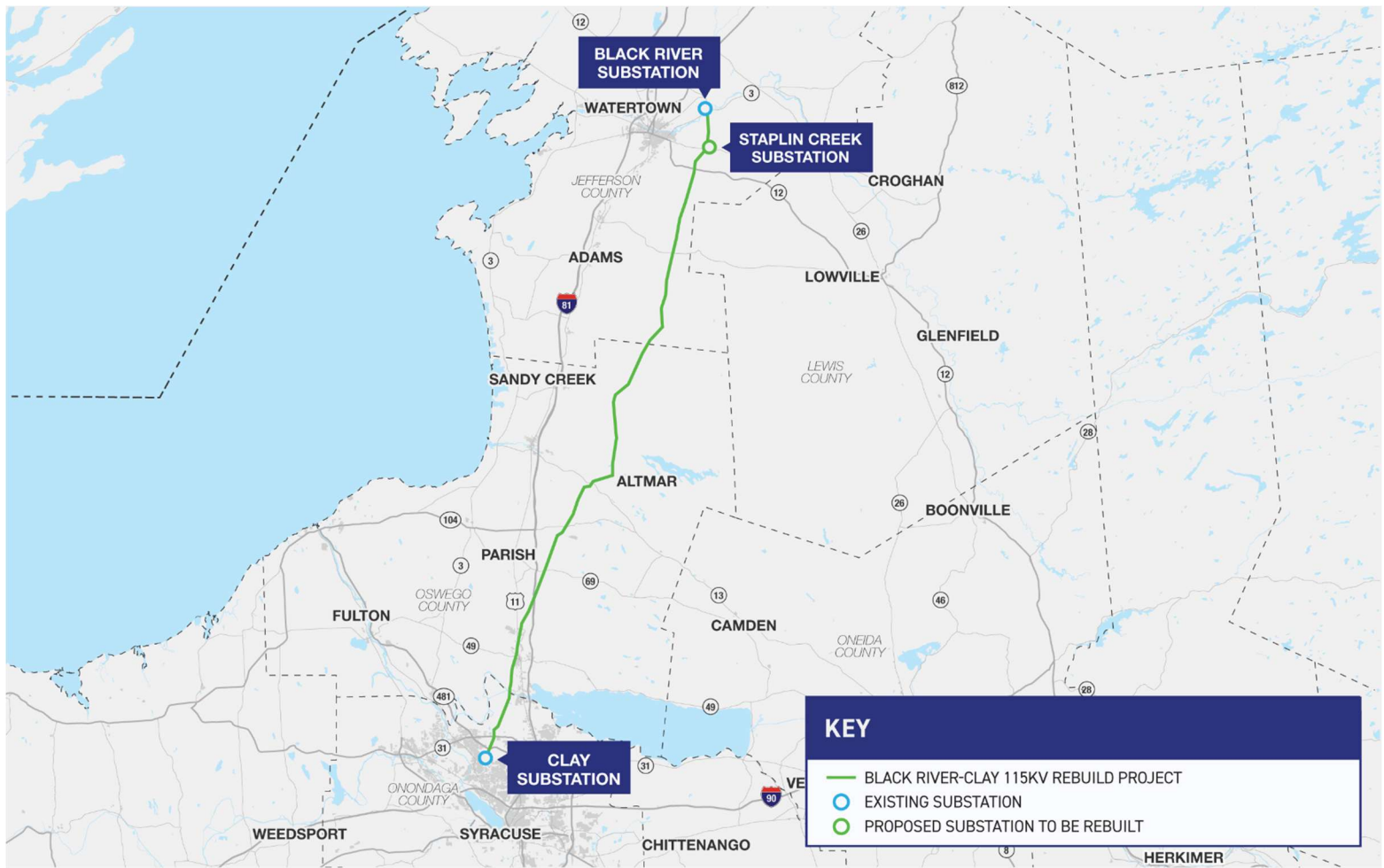
Permitting Overview

The initiative is being 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.

Article VII Process

The Article VII application will be available for public review at Sally Ploof Hunter Memorial Library in Black River, Rodman Public Library in Rodman, Orwell-Cogswell Free Library in Orwell, Northern Onondaga Public Library - Brewerton Library Branch in Brewerton, Evans Mills Public Library in Evans Mills, Central Square Library in Central Square, Parish Public Library in Parish, and Northern Onondaga Public Library - Cicero Library Branch in Cicero, as well as on the PSC's website 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. 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 direct link to the Department of Public Service website for the project will also be available at natgrid.com/blackriverclay.



Permitting Overview Article VII Process

1. An application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is filed with the Public Service Commission.
2. The application is assigned a case number.
3. The application is deemed complete and Public Statement Hearings and Public Information Forums are held.
4. If a Certificate is issued by the PSC, it will contain conditions on how the project is to be built.
5. An Environmental Management and Construction Plan is developed, detailing how the project will be built and is filed with the PSC.
6. Once the EM&CP is approved by the PSC, public notifications will be required. A Notice to Proceed is issued before construction may begin.
7. During construction, the project will be monitored by regulators until restoration is complete. Post-construction monitoring may also be required.

How to Subscribe to the PSC Service List

Both National Grid and the PSC will accept comments on the project anytime the docket remains open with the PSC. You may subscribe to the PSC's service list to receive updates on this project by following the instructions at:

<https://dps.ny.gov/how-post-comments-and-receive-updates-psc-cases>



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