

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Matter of the Application of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation For a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law for the A and C Line Rebuild Project, Approximately 10.85 miles of 115 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Lines in the Towns of Pleasant Valley, LaGrange, Wappinger and East Fishkill, in Dutchess County

Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law of the State of New York, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation is providing public notice of its intent to file an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the proposed rebuild of the existing 115 kV A and C Lines (the "Project"), as described below.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION ("CHG&E" or the "Applicant"), on or about October 11, 2013, will file an application (the "Application") in the above entitled matter with the Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law for the A and C Lines Rebuild Project which includes 115 kV pole structures within existing rights-of-way ("ROW") in the Towns of Pleasant Valley, LaGrange, Wappinger, and East Fishkill. The Project is needed because the 115 kV Pleasant Valley to Todd Hill Road C Line and the 115 kV Todd Hill Road to Fishkill Plains A Line were built in 1948, and currently, the poles and conductors are in disrepair. The A and C Lines have been identified as part of Central Hudson's ACSR (conductor) Replacement Program.

During the course of the proceedings, alternate routes not included in the Application filing or affected by the proposed primary route may be offered without further notice by publication. In addition, the Public Service Commission may, without further notice by publication, approve a route for the line that traverses municipalities not presently affected by the proposed primary route. A copy of the Application filed with the Public Service Commission will be served upon the chief executive officers of Dutchess County; and the Towns of Pleasant Valley, LaGrange, Wappinger, and East Fishkill; and will be available in the local public libraries in or closest to each community on or about the same date as the Application is filed with the Public Service Commission.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Project consists of rebuilding the existing 115 kV A and C transmission lines located between Pleasant Valley and East Fishkill in Dutchess County, New York. The rebuild will occur within an existing 150 foot wide right-of-way ("ROW"), and spans approximately 10.85 miles through four towns; Pleasant Valley, LaGrange, Wappinger, and East Fishkill. The proposed plan is to remove and replace the majority of structures and conductors along the existing 10.85 mile long and 150 foot wide ROW. The rebuild is subject to the permitting requirements of Article VII of the New York State Public Service Law, and CHG&E must receive a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the Public Service Commission.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

CHG&E is proposing to rebuild the existing 115 kV A and C transmission lines located between Pleasant Valley and East Fishkill in Dutchess County, New York. The A and C Line Rebuild Project is located within an existing 150 foot wide right-of-way (ROW), and spans approximately 10.85 miles through four towns; Pleasant Valley, LaGrange, Wappinger and East Fishkill. The existing ROW has been held by Central Hudson and used for

transmission purposes since 1948. The existing transmission corridor includes the existing A and C transmission lines, which are currently carried on H-frame wood pole structures with an average height of 51 feet. Significant portions of the corridor also include two separate Central Hudson overhead electric transmission lines (G and M lines), a Central Hudson gas transmission line and two existing Consolidated Edison ("ConEd") 345 kV transmission lines that are carried on steel lattice structures. The existing corridor is mostly maintained in early successional vegetation (i.e., old field herbaceous and shrub species), and traverses a variety of landscapes from undeveloped forest land and agricultural fields, to areas of medium density residential development.

The 115 kV Pleasant Valley to Todd Hill Road C Line and the 115 kV Todd Hill Road to Fishkill Plains A Line were built in 1948, and currently, the poles and conductors are in disrepair. The A and C Lines have been identified as part of Central Hudson's ACSR (conductor) Replacement Program. In addition, approximately 60 structures have spar arms instead of traditional crossarms, which have the potential to fail without warning. CHG&E is systematically replacing spar arms on its system as part of the High Priority Replacement ("HPR") Program. The proposed plan is to remove and replace the majority of structures and all conductors along the existing 11-mile long ROW. In locations where the transmission structures have been replaced within the last five years, these existing structures may be maintained. There are currently 123 existing transmission structures (including 262 total poles) within the ROW, which will be replaced with 112 new structures (139 new poles). A total of 14 structures (29 poles and 1 tower) from previous replacements will be retained. Existing structures are primarily wood H-frame pole structures with an average height of 51 feet. Replacement poles are anticipated to be single pole self-weathering steel structures with an average above-ground height of 64 feet. Angle structures are currently swing angle suspension, three-pole structures and will be replaced with swing angle suspension, two-pole structures. Existing strain insulator, three-pole deadend structures and will be replaced with strain insulator, two-pole deadend structures. Two static wires (0.461" dia.) associated with the A and C Lines Rebuild Project will be replaced with one wire (0.7" dia.). The three existing conductors (0.783" dia.) will be replaced with three new larger conductors on the rebuilt A and C Lines (1.212" dia.). The newly replaced transmission poles will remain entirely within the current ROW and no new ROW or significant areas of the additional tree clearing are required. There will be no changes to the existing 345 kV transmission lines that currently occupy the southern portion the transmission corridor.

PROPOSED ROUTE

From north to south along the existing ROW, the proposed transmission facility transects the following four towns within Dutchess County: Pleasant Valley, LaGrange, Wappinger, and East Fishkill.

In the north end of the ROW in Pleasant Valley, the existing A and C transmission line crosses U.S. Highway 44 and Wappinger Creek, running south for 1.25 miles until entering La Grange. Upon reaching La Grange, the line proceeds approximately 6.75 miles further to the south, crossing the Todd Hill Road substation and retired Lagrangeville substation as well as State Route 55. The line then turns southwest for 2.8 miles in the Town of Wappinger, where it crosses State Route 376, and ends 0.2 miles inside the Town of East Fishkill.

The precise route can be found in figures in Exhibit 2 of the Applicant's filing, which will be available for public inspection as described below.

DATES OF ARTICLE VII FILING

CHG&E expects to file the Article VII Application with the Public Service Commission on or about October 11, 2013. Copies of the Application will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Pleasant Valley Free Library, 1584 Main Street, PO Box 633, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569; LaGrange Library, 488 Freedom Plains Road (Rt. 55), Suite #109, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603; Grinnell Library, 2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590; and the East Fishkill Community Library, 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. In addition, copies of the Application will be available for public inspection at the Department of Public Service Offices in Albany (Office of Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223).

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

For information or assistance concerning the application, interested persons may contact the following:

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