

AMENDMENT APPLICATION

NYPA obtained a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, Opinion No. 85-2, Case 70126, for the “Power Authority of the State of New York- Marcy South 345 kV Transmission Facilities,” on January 30, 1985. The Marcy to Coopers Corners (UCC2-41) line and the Edic to Fraser (EF24-40) line were constructed as part of the Marcy South 345 kV Transmission Facilities.

NYPA met with New York State Department of Public Service (“NYSDPS”) staff about the MSSC project and explained that a 915 MVAR¹⁴ series capacitor¹⁵ (“SC”) bank would be connected to the UCC2-41 line and a 315 MVAR SC bank would be connected to the EF24-40 line. The NYSDPS staff instructed NYPA to follow the Commission procedures for obtaining an amendment to the Certificate to add the SC banks.

For the Proceeding on Motion to Examine Alternating Current Transmission Upgrades, Case 12-T-0502, the orders issued by the Commission to date do not state whether projects that involve an amendment to an existing Article VII Certificate and which do not result in a material increase in environmental impact or substantial change in the location of a facility (PSL § 123[2]) would be required to file on October 1, 2013 as an “Article VII project” or as a “Non-Article VII” project. Nonetheless, because NYPA will be submitting an amendment to its Marcy South Article VII Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need and NYPA’s project is not subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, NYPA is filing the part A Submission documents required in the Commission’s Order for an Article VII Project (PSC April 22, 2013 Order).

¹⁴ A MVAR is a mega volt ampere reactive.

¹⁵ A series capacitor is a piece of electrical equipment used to improve the operating efficiency of the electric system by reducing system losses and providing voltage support.