

**FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

for the

TRI-LAKES RELIABILITY PROJECT



February 17, 2006

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Graham Cox

Shirley Seney – Supervisor Town of North Elba

Kevin Buckley – Town of Piercefield

Richard McNamara

Timothy Chick

Bob Buhts

Ernest Hutchins

Jim Shaw

Rodriguez, Genetta

From: Ramsey, Stephen
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 12:11 PM
To: Talgo, Arnie; Cullen, Connie
Cc: Rodriguez, Genetta
Subject: FW: SEQRa hearings coming up

FYI -

Genetta, please include in the file.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ramsey, Stephen
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 12:10 PM
To: 'COX, Graham'
Subject: RE: SEQRa hearings coming up

Hi Graham.

Happy Holidays!

The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11 at the Ivy Terrace Room in Tupper Lake @ 2-5pm & 6-9pm. The Ivy Terrace Room is located at 38 Boyer Ave. in Tupper Lake. Let me know if you need directions.

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-----Original Message-----

From: COX, Graham [mailto:GCox@audubon.org]
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 12:05 PM
To: Ramsey, Stephen
Subject: SEQRa hearings coming up

Steve

What is the date for the DEC/SEQRA hearing on the tri lakes project? I think I must have wiped out your e-mail from before Christmas on this topic. Thanks, graham

Rodriguez, Genetta

From: Ramsey, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2006 4:46 PM
To: Suloway, John; Cullen, Connie; Rodriguez, Genetta
Subject: Fw: TL public hearings

Great news! See below e-mail of support from Town of North Elba.

Genetta - please add to file.
Steve Ramsey

-----Original Message-----

From: Shirley
To: Ramsey, Stephen
CC: shirley seney
Sent: Tue Jan 10 16:38:12 2006
Subject: TL public hearings

Dear Steve:

Due to prior commitments, I will be unable to attend either the afternoon or evening Public Hearings scheduled for Tupper Lake on Wednesday, January 11th.

I do wholeheartedly support the Power Authority and their commitment to extend better power into Tupper Lake, which will also boost Saranac Lake and Lake Placid's capabilities. It has been a long time coming and one that the Tri-Towns should all join forces in making it become a reality.

Thank you for your continued efforts to bring this project to reality.

Sincerely,

Shirley W. Seney, Supervisor
Town of North Elba

Rodriguez, Genetta

From: Ramsey, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2006 3:01 PM
To: Cullen, Connie; Suloway, John; Alkiewicz, Edward
Cc: Rodriguez, Genetta
Subject: FW: KEVIN BUCKLEY - TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD

Just spoke with Kevin Buckley and send him this information – very appreciative and said he will be there at the hearing next week. He does support the project.

Genetta – please include this in the file.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ramsey, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2006 2:54 PM
To: 'kackbuc@peoplepc.com'
Subject: KEVIN BUCKLEY - TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD

Kevin,

Happy New Year!

In response to the question you had asked me if Piercefield would receive power from the proposed 46 kV line. The answer is yes.

Presently, Piercefield is fed by the Lake Colby to Lake Clear to Piercefield line (National Grid line #38 & 39) and by local generation at Piercefield.

The new line (whether it originates at Stark, the preferred route, or Newton Falls, the alternate route) will feed Piercefield with back-ups being local generation at Piercefield, and, under emergency situations when system conditions allow, National Grid line #38 & 39.

Please contact me at 800 724-0309 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard McNamara [mailto:leonard_pond@earthlink.net]

Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 6:47 PM

To: Ramsey, Stephen

Subject: Re: Tri-Lakes Reliability Project

Dear Steve,

Ole!

Regards,

Richard

----- Original Message -----

From: Ramsey, Stephen

To: Richard McNamara

Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 12:40 PM

1/9/2006

Subject: RE: Tri-Lakes Reliability Project

Richard,

Thank you for your interest in the Tri-Lakes Reliability Project. In response to your requests, I recommend that you visit our website at www.nypa.gov – click on the Tri-Lakes Reliability Project and you will come to a page where you can select to view the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which has a copy of the map and the proposed poles for the 46kv line.

If you find access to the web difficult, as the files are very large, you can view a hard copy of the information at an area municipal building or library – a list of these locations is attached.

Please contact me at 800 724-0309 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Richard McNamara [mailto:leonard_pond@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2006 9:43 AM
To: Ramsey, Stephen
Subject: Re: Tri-Lakes Reliability Project

Dear Stephen,

Could you send me a picture of what one of the towers will look like for the 46 KV transmission line?

Thanks,

Richard

----- Original Message -----

From: Ramsey, Stephen
To: [Richard McNamara](mailto:Richard.McNamara)
Sent: Monday, January 02, 2006 8:27 PM
Subject: RE: Tri-Lakes Reliability Project

Hi Richard.

Thank you for your e-mail. Let me check with the staff – we are working to have the application put on our website for viewing. I will get back to you as soon as I get an answer.

-----Original Message-----

From: Richard McNamara [mailto:leonard_pond@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 01, 2006 9:35 AM
To: Ramsey, Stephen
Subject: Tri-Lakes Reliability Project

Steve,

Is it possible to view ,on the internet, a map of the proposed route of the power line?

Sincerely,

Richard

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Rodriguez, Genetta

From: Ramsey, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 9:28 AM
To: Suloway, John; Cullen, Connie; Alkiewicz, Edward; Malone, Mark; Talgo, Arnie; Dean R. Long (dlong@thelagroup.com)
Cc: Rodriguez, Genetta
Subject: FW: TRI-LAKES RELIABILITY PROJECT

FYI

Genetta - please include in the file

From: Ramsey, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 9:26 AM
To: 'tacadk@adelphia.net'
Subject: TRI-LAKES RELIABILITY PROJECT

Tim.

Thank you for your request suggesting incorporating elements of the utility vegetation management features of the Tri-Lakes Reliability Project with the course you teach in utility vegetation management at Paul Smith's College.

This idea sounds very promising and has generated much interest with staffs at both the New York Power Authority and National Grid. We would like to explore this idea with you at a future date. It would be, as you state, a tremendous learning opportunity for your students.

At the present time, your request is a bit premature as we are still in the process of seeking approvals for the construction of the Tri-Lakes Reliability Project.

We have your request on file and as soon as we have a better idea of the timeframe when we might be performing the type of work you are interested in studying, I will be sure you are contacted.

In the meantime, please contact me at 1 800 724-0309 or e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Ramsey

-----Original Message-----

From: Ramsey, Stephen
Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 12:02 PM
To: 'Timothy A. Chick'
Cc: James Allen
Subject: RE: Tri-Lakes inquiry from the web

Hi Tim.

Thank you for your interest in the Tri-Lakes Electric Reliability Project. I will pass this information on to the appropriate team member for review and get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Ramsey
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-----Original Message-----

From: Timothy A. Chick [mailto:tacadk@adelphia.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 07, 2006 6:23 PM
To: Ramsey, Stephen
Cc: James Allen
Subject: Tri-Lakes inquiry from the web

Steve:

I teach a course in utility vegetation management at Paul Smith's College and the line proposed for the Tri-Lakes could provide a tremendous learning opportunity for my students. I'd be interested in finding out if we could have a field trip along the proposed routes, a representative from the company lecture to the class or even have students participate in plant inventory projects along the route, as some examples. Would you handle this type of request or would we need to contact a project manager or coordinator?

Thanks so much for your help.
Tim Chick
Adjunct Professor
51 Juniper Circle
Lake Placid, NY 12946
518-523-9235

-----Original Message-----

From: Ramsey, Stephen

Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 10:45 PM

To: 'Bob Buhts'

Subject: RE: Tri-Lakes inquiry from the web

Robert.

Thank you for your question.

Here is the response used in the DEIS when we received inquiries on snowmobile and ATV use:

National Grid discourages the use of its power line routes, not only in New York but throughout its entire system, for non-utility uses including recreational vehicles such as snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles (ATV). While power line routes appear to be compatible for snowmobile/ATV traffic, they are not, due to important considerations of reliable electric service, differing maintenance requirements, limited property uses on easement parcels, and the health and safety of National Grid workers and the public. National Grid is aware of the dialogue by property owners, snowmobile/ATV users, local municipalities and the agencies governing the use of other Adirondack Park lands.

If you have any further questions regarding this subject, please contact Mr. Frank Sciortino, Real Estate Asset Management, National Grid, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse NY 13202 or frank.sciortino@us.ngrid.com or 315-428-5075.

Thanks again, Bob for your interest in the Tri-Lakes Electric Reliability.

Sincerely,

Steve Ramsey

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Buhts [mailto:buhts@bellsouth.net]

Sent: Monday, January 09, 2006 3:05 PM

To: Ramsey, Stephen

Subject: Re: Tri-Lakes inquiry from the web

Hi Mr. Ramsey, thanks for your prompt reply. I have one other question.

The 75 ft ROW will create a roadway / trail that can and most likely will be used by ATV's and Snowmobiles. I don't object to the snowmobile use but ATV's will really tear up the land. Will the state take any measures to put the ROW off limits for vehicle travel by the public? Thanks.

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Ramsey, Stephen wrote:

>Robert,

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>Thank you for your interest in the Tri-Lakes Electric Reliability

>Project.

>In response to your question, if the proposed preferred route is
>permitted by the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and the New York State
>Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), prior to the beginning
>of construction, we will need to obtain the necessary property rights
>for clearing the new ROW to 75 feet - 37 1/2 feet on each side of the
>poles. At that time, a representative from National Grid will contact
>you to discuss compensation for the expanded ROW. The compensation
>offered will be based upon an evaluation of the land prices in the area
>using approved methods for valuation most appropriate to the property
>types and locations.

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>Please contact me at 800 724-0309 or by e-mail if you have any further
>questions.

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>Sincerely,

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>Stephen M. Ramsey

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Bob Buhts [mailto:buhts@bellsouth.net]

>Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2006 8:57 AM

>To: Ramsey, Stephen

>Subject: Tri-Lakes inquiry from the web

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>Hi Mr. Ramsey, I am co-owner of approximately one mile of road frontage

>on Rt 56 about five miles north of Sevey Corners. In expanding the ROW

>on RT 56 to accomodate the 46KV line will landowners be compensated?

>Thanks.

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>Robert Buhts

>8 Blueberry Ln

>Childwold, NY 12922

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ramsey, Stephen

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2006 10:21 AM

To: 'ernest hutchins'

Subject: RE: Tri-Lakes Reliability Project

Ernest.

I will forward to staff and see what they can determine for you. We will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Ramsey

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-----Original Message-----

From: ernest hutchins [mailto:eldad@slc.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2006 10:03 AM

To: Ramsey, Stephen

Cc: Ramsey, Stephen

Subject: Tri-Lakes Reliability Project

It would appear that you will need to cut about 500 trees on my property for this 46KV line could you send to me an artist's rendition of what our property will look like upon completion

1/17/2006

From: Ramsey, Stephen
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2006 2:02 PM
To: 'ernest hutchins'
Subject: RE: Tri-Lakes Reliability Project

Thanks, Ernest.

I'll get this in the right hands and have a copy sent and/or staff member contact you.

It was nice to meet you yesterday.

From: ernest hutchins [mailto:eldad@slc.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2006 9:49 AM
To: Ramsey, Stephen
Cc: Ramsey, Stephen
Subject: Tri-Lakes Reliability Project

Please send to me the EMF study on this 46 kv line

1/12/2006

-----Original Message-----

From: ernest hutchins [mailto:eldad@slc.com]

Sent: Friday, January 06, 2006 8:43 PM

To: Ramsey, Stephen

Subject: Re: PHOTOS OF NATIONAL GRID EASEMENTS

I have letters from Frank Sciortino and Kenneth M Tompkins National Grid Concerning These Photos They Could Care Less You should come up with a Different Answer To This Problem

----- Original Message -----

From: Ramsey, Stephen

To: [ernest hutchins](mailto:ernest.hutchins)

Sent: Friday, January 06, 2006 3:07 PM

Subject: PHOTOS OF NATIONAL GRID EASEMENTS

Ernest.

Thank you for your interest in the Tri-Lakes Electric Reliability Project. I received a copy of the photos of the National Grid easements in the Town of Colton.

I am forwarding this information to Frank Sciortino, Real Estate Asset Management at National Grid for his review. If you have further questions regarding the easements, you can contact Frank at Frank.Sciortino@us.ngrid.com or 315 428-5075.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ramsey, Stephen

Sent: Monday, January 23, 2006 8:51 AM

To: 'Jim Shaw'

Subject: RE: Tri-Lakes Power Line

Jim.

Thank you for your support of the Tri-Lakes Electric Reliability Project! We appreciate your comments and they will be included in our report.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 1-800 724-0309.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Shaw [mailto:shawjms@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 22, 2006 3:13 PM

To: Ramsey, Stephen

Subject: Tri-Lakes Power Line

My wife and I live in Massena and have a summer place in Tupper Lake. We are natives of Tupper Lake and both my parents live there. They live separately and are in their early eighties and not the best of health. During the winter months I am always worried that for there safety because of the many extended power outages Tupper Lake experiences. We are also concerned as we watch the town continue to shrink with regard to services and jobs. It certainly is not the Tupper Lake of our youth. If Tupper is to grow again and provide for the safety of its citizens, particularly its seniors, it needs a reliable electrical power supply. We too love the woods and the outdoors, but our objective can not to be stymieing all development as some seem to want. We strongly support the efforts to build a second transmission line to supply the Tri-Lakes area. We believe it is long overdue. The line should be built in the most reliable and easiest corridor to maintain. If that means a portion of the forest preserve so be it; however, this should not be a reason to delay the construction.

As Chairman of the Board of the Massena Electric Department I am fully aware of the importance of low cost reliable power for the safety and vitality of a community. Please feel free to include these comments in your report.

Thank for your efforts.

Jim Shaw, PE
Becky Shaw
315 769-2088
Cell 315-250-0071

1/23/2006