

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
PARTY STATUS REQUEST FORM

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Case No.:	<u>24-T-0446</u>
Case Title (short reference):	<u>Petition of New York Transco LLC and New York Power Authority for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, Pursuant to Article VII of the New York Public Service Law, to Construct, Operate, and Maintain an Approximately 89.7-Mile Underground Transmission Line through Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, Bronx, and Westchester Counties.</u>
Date of Request:	<u>4/24/2025</u>

Name of Party (This MUST be filled in. If you are an individual representing yourself, please so indicate):	<u>Syosset Central School District</u>
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Please state here the nature of the party’s interest in the case, including, if applicable, how the party’s participation might contribute to the development of a complete record or is otherwise fair and in the public interest:

The Syosset Central School District (the "School District") is a public school district located in Nassau County. The School District respectfully requests party status in the current proceeding pending before the Public Service Commission associated with the Petition of New York Transco LLC and New York Power Authority and the proposed Propel NY Energy project ("the Project").

The School District believes that its grant of party status and participation in these proceedings will contribute to the development of a complete record, and is fair and in the public interest. The School District has a vested interest in the review of the proposed Project to ensure that adverse impacts to the School District are properly identified, fully reviewed, analyzed, and appropriately mitigated.

The School District serves the communities of Syosset, Woodbury, Plainview, Jericho, Muttontown, and Oyster Bay Cove. The School District educates approximately 7,000 students and is comprised of seven elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school.

The School District has significant concerns related to the health and safety of its students and staff during the construction phase of the Project and once it is completed, given the long-term presence and maintenance of the underground electric transmission system proposed by the Project. The School District also has extensive concerns with regard to the negative impact that the Project will have on the School District, during the construction phase and after, including but not limited to, impacts to the School District's operations, finances, educational and instructional programs, and its tax base.

The Project proposes to connect to the existing Syosset substation, which is located just south of Syosset High School on South Woods Road. Specifically, the "Syosset to Shore Road Segment" of the Project proposes to install transmission lines from the Syosset substation through the Northern portion of the School District along various roadways. Additionally, the "Ruland Road to Shore Road Segment" of the transmission lines begins at the Ruland Road substation located in Melville and is proposed to enter and traverse the Southwest portion of the School District and, of particular interest to the School District, run immediately adjacent to Robbins Lane Elementary School.

The proposed locations for the construction and installation of underground transmission lines within the School District are located in highly congested and dense areas. The transmission lines are proposed to be installed along several main thoroughfares within the School District. These roadways have few viable alternative travel corridors that could accommodate re-routed school bus services. Construction along these roadways will undoubtedly impact the School District's ability to safely and cost-effectively transport students to and from school.

With over 120 buses/vehicles that operate approximately 625 runs daily during the school year, the construction for this proposed Project could potentially and significantly impact

the School District's operations and introduce substantial inefficiencies in the School District's transportation program that could result in the need to modify bus routes, require earlier pick up and later drop off, increase the length of time students ride the bus and significantly impact transportation staffing and student learning, as well as increase costs associated with all of the foregoing.

Further, given the close proximity of the Project to several buildings and grounds of the School District, the School District has serious concerns regarding the long-term impacts associated with a large scale, complex underground transmission project like the Project, including the potential health and safety risks to the School District's students and staff. Proper protocols and satisfactory safety measures must be evaluated and implemented, during construction and through ongoing operation, to protect the School District's students, staff, and school property.

The School District intends to consult with various multidisciplinary experts, including environmental and transportation consultants, to further understand and better assess the concerns raised herein and any resulting impact upon the School District and to assist in identifying potential mitigation methods to address those impacts.

For the reasons stated herein, the School District respectfully urges that its request for party status be granted.

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