

Building a Smarter, Stronger, Cleaner Energy Grid

North Watertown – Indian River 115kV Line 12 Transmission Project Project Update | May 2024

National Grid is transforming our energy delivery system and propelling economic growth across Upstate New York through a collection of transmission enhancement projects called the Upstate Upgrade. These initiatives, which include the North Watertown - Indian River 115kV Line 12 Transmission Project in Jefferson County, will deliver a smarter, stronger, cleaner energy grid to support a more reliable, resilient energy network for our customers for generations to come.

The North Watertown - Indian River 115kV Line 12 Transmission Project will increase reliability in the Watertown area. The project will help to reduce the duration and frequency of power outages for more than 30,000 National Grid Upstate New York customers. These enhancements will support economic growth and improve the pathway to add new clean energy sources to the electric network.

Project Description

The project involves:

- Construction of a new North Watertown Substation in the Town of Brownville.
- Construction of a new 115kV electric transmission line between the existing Indian River Substation in the Town of LeRay and the new North Watertown Substation. The new 9.9-mile transmission line will include approximately 83 new steel monopoles, conductor, shield wire, and associated hardware.
- Upgrades to the existing Indian River Substation to support the new transmission line.

Economic Benefits for Community

These projects bring with them an economic opportunity for the local community. Construction crews will stay in local hotels and rental properties, shop in local stores, dine in local restaurants, and enjoy the entertainment venues available in our communities. And, the infrastructure upgrades will be powered by local goods, like fuel and gravel, and use local services.

Upcoming Project Activities

- National Grid's Real Estate group has been in contact with landowners to discuss necessary property rights and easements. Land acquisition and compensatory negotiations remain underway and will continue until all agreements are signed.
- Our team is currently finalizing design and engineering for the project to submit a Part 102 Report in accordance with New York State's Public Service Law. Once submitted for review and approval, the report will be available to the public.
- **Marshalling Yards** (areas where project materials and equipment are stored) are scheduled to be built off of County Route 16 in the Town of Pamela — in May 2024. Crews will construct roads and install stone layers to protect the topsoil throughout the site.

Contact Us

As the project progresses, you will receive additional updates from our team. Please contact us with any questions by phone at **844-324-3589** or by email at **UpstateUpgradeCNY@nationalgrid.com**. Additional information on the Upstate Upgrade can be found on our website: UpstateUpgrade.nationalgrid.com.

Quick Project Facts:

- What:** New 9.9-mile 115kV electric transmission line, construction of a new North Watertown Substation, and rebuild and upgrades to the existing Indian River Substation
- Where:** Jefferson County, NY: Towns of Brownville, Pamela, and LeRay
- Phase:** Pre-Construction – Final field assessments and design
- When:** Anticipated construction start fall 2024

