



Relieving congestion and upgrading this section of the transmission system has the potential to bring a number of benefits to New York's ratepayers. These include enhanced system reliability, flexibility, and efficiency; reduced environmental and health impacts; increased diversity in electric generation supply, and long-term benefits in terms of job growth, development of efficient new generating resources at lower cost in upstate areas, and mitigation of reliability problems that may arise with expected generator retirements.

Project Development and Review

The AC Transmission proceeding called for developers and transmission owners to propose projects to increase transfer capacity through the congested corridors. To date, several developers have submitted proposals for possible projects to reduce transmission congestion. These developers are now in the process of "fleshing out" their projects by gathering additional information needed to file a complete application with the PSC. The developers must submit their initial application materials, scoping documents and proposed schedules by October 1, 2013.

Project applications will undergo a multi-agency review and evaluation process. Under Article VII of the New York Public Service Law, proposed major transmission facilities are reviewed to assess the need for, and environmental impacts of, the project and the PSC decides whether to grant, modify or deny applications. Smaller projects that do not meet Article VII criteria may be reviewed pursuant to SEQRA and other relevant regulatory requirements.