



Agencies

Permitting a high voltage transmission line takes years, with many agencies, as well as the public, having input into where and how a transmission line is built. Some of these agencies are:

New York Public Service Commission/Department of Public Service: Certifies transmission projects and oversees the construction, operation, and maintenance of these lines.

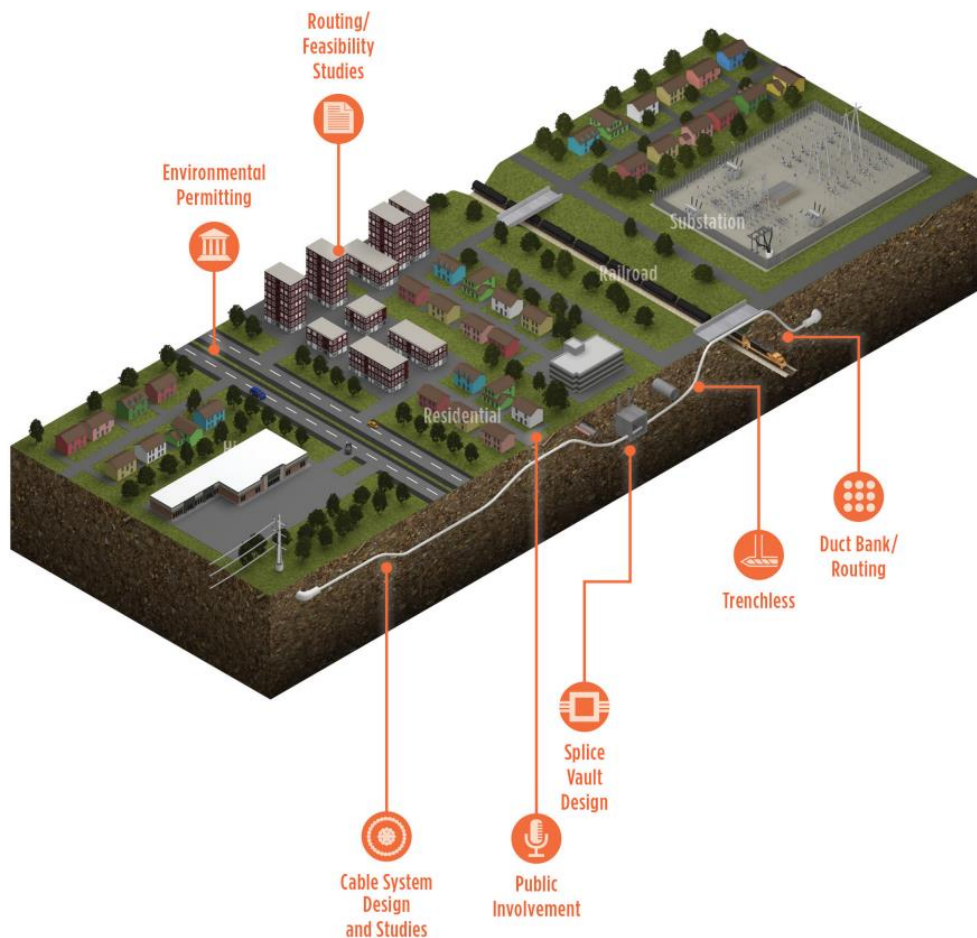
New York Department of Environmental Conservation: Concerned with impacts to natural resources, particularly rare, threatened, and endangered species, sensitive habitats, and stormwater runoff.

New York Department of Agriculture & Markets: Oversees a project's impact on farmlands and farmers.

New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: Houses the State Historic Preservation Office, which is concerned with historic, archeological, and cultural resources in the project area.

Long Island Railroad: The Project will need permission to cross the railroad facilities and will work with the railroad to develop a crossing and safety plan.

Local Municipalities: Local municipalities are consulted.





Article VII

Article VII, the “*Siting of Major Utility Transmission Facilities*,” is the section of the New York State Public Service Law that requires a full environmental, public health and safety impact review of the siting, design, construction, and operation of major transmission facilities in New York State.

The Public Service Commission (PSC) and their staff, the Department of Public Service, oversee the approval of Article VII projects. Actions of the PSC under Article VII are excluded from review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), but the PSC/DPS actively solicit stakeholder input throughout the Article VII process.

Two Separate Approvals from PSC



- Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need
The application is submitted to the PSC for review and approval and when approved, a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) is granted.



- Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP)
The EM&CP is a narrative description of the construction plans and a set of drawings. Construction can begin after the EM&CP is approved and all pre-construction conditions contained in the Certificate and EM&CP (for construction start) are satisfied.

What goes in an Application?

- Establish the Need for the Project
- Describe the Project
- Demonstrate that the Project, as proposed, is the most environmentally compatible alternative for meeting the Need