

Resolution to Support the Joint Proposal; New York State Public Service Commission Case 24-T-0710; Finger Lakes Area Infrastructure Reliability Project

RESOLUTION #2026-_____

Whereas, on December 18, 2024, New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG) filed Application documents (the “Application”) with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) seeking an Article VII Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Finger Lakes Area Infrastructure Reliability (“FLAIR”) Project; and

Whereas, under NYSEG’s FLAIR Application, the utility would reconstruct Line 982, a 115 kilovolt electrical transmission line running approximately 21 miles from the Montour Falls Substation in the Town of Montour, Schuyler County, to the Coddington Substation in the Town of Ithaca, Tompkins County, the application assigned PSC Case Number 24-T-0710; and

Whereas, Line 982 currently runs and would continue to run in part through the southwestern portion of the Town of Enfield, giving this Town Board and Enfield residents an interest and a justifiable voice in the PSC’s determination of the FLAIR Application; and

Whereas, as originally submitted by the Applicant, the FLAIR reconstruction would replace Line 982’s existing, nearly century-old “H-frame” wooden support structures, each support generally 55 feet in height, with taller steel monopoles of 74 to 122 feet in height (an average height of 95 feet); and

Whereas, by Resolution #2025-70, adopted November 12, 2025, the Enfield Town Board authorized this Town to request Party Status before the PSC in the afore-designated FLAIR proceeding, and on January 20, 2026, this Board further authorized the filing of written Comment with the PSC in the FLAIR Application; and

Whereas, in its written Comment to the PSC on January 20, 2026, this Town Board requested the Public Service Commission withhold its approval of NYSEG’s Application in Case 24-T-0710 pending further investigation into design alternatives that would mitigate the FLAIR Project’s adverse aesthetic, economic, and environmental impacts, this Town Board stating that, “Any power system upgrade proposed herein cannot be undertaken at the expense of community residents’ economic well-being, health, or community enjoyment;” and

Whereas, on May 28, 2026, New York State Electric and Gas Corporation filed a Joint Proposal with the New York State Public Service Commission, said Joint Proposal signed by trial staff of the New York State Department of Public Service, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Department of Transportation, and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, collectively designated as “Signatory Parties,” to resolve concerns raised by parties to this case and to seek compromise; and

Whereas, under the Joint Proposal, NYSEG would redesign the FLAIR Project so as to replace the aging, wooden H-Frame supports with steel H-frame structures of a similar appearance to those existing, substituting the H-frames for the earlier-proposed steel monopoles, the modified design reducing average proposed structural height by approximately 20-25 feet from the monopoles; and

Whereas, the proposed structural change would place support structural height at generally no greater than 75 feet above ground and would in the words of the Joint Proposal “reduce potential Project visual impact,” the Joint Proposal further stating that “Based on a review of the Evidentiary Record, including the Settlement revisions, the Signatory parties have determined that visual impacts from the Project will be minimal,” with “no mitigation” needed; and

Whereas, on June 5, 2026, the New York State Public Service Commission provided all interested parties until June 17, 2026 to file Statements in Support or in Opposition to the Joint Proposal; and

Whereas, this Town Board believes the Joint Proposal of May 28, 2026 in Case 24-T-0710 stands as a fair compromise between NYSEG’s needs to meet increased electrical demand and the public interests of Enfield residents to protect their economic well-being, health, and community enjoyment and to minimize the FLAIR proposal’s earlier-identified adverse impacts; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby endorses the Joint Proposal filed by New York State Electric and Gas Corporation on May 28, 2026 in PSC Case 24-T-0710, and urges the New York State Public Service Commission to grant an Article VII Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Finger Lakes Area Infrastructure Reliability (“FLAIR”) Project, conditioned on NYSEG’s adherence to the revised specifications embodied in the Joint Proposal; and be it further

Resolved, that the Town Clerk is instructed to file an official copy of this Resolution with the Secretary of the New York State Public Service Commission on or before the Commission’s designated deadline.

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