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**VIA EMAIL**

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*Re: National Grid Transmission Line Rebuild  
Inghams to St. Johnsville Transmission Line*

Dear Ken:

We represent Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”) in connection with the proposed Inghams - St. Johnsville 115 kilovolt (“kV”) #6 Transmission Line (“Inghams Line”), which traverses the Town of Manheim (the “Town”). The existing transmission line structures have been in operation for approximately 80 years and have exceeded their lifespan. Now, National Grid is proposing upgrades to modernize the existing lines, as well as provide greater electric reliability for the area. After our discussion on February 4, 2026, we decided it was best to provide the summary below of the proposed Project, a summary of the Project in context with the Town and the proposed changes for your review.

As mentioned above, the Inghams Line is a rebuild of the existing overhead electric transmission line. The Inghams Line is a rebuild of the 115 kV overhead electric transmission line that will run from the existing Inghams Substation, located north of County Route 108 in the Town of Manheim to the existing St. Johnsville Substation located south of State Route 5 at 44 Hough Street in the Village of St. Johnsville, a distance of approximately 7.3 miles (the “Project”). See attached Transmission Line Map. The Project requires the preparation of a Part 102 Report because it will have a voltage greater than 65 kV; the proposed work will take place over a distance greater than one (1) mile; and the heights of the new towers will increase by more than ten (10) feet.

The Inghams Line traverses 0.12 miles in the Town of Manheim. There is only one (1) existing 70-foot high transmission line structure in the Town to be replaced. The newly proposed transmission line structure will be 100 feet in height constructed on a 100-footwide right-of-way (“ROW”) on a steel pole galvanized monopole structure. The structure designs for the Project have been developed in accordance with the latest edition of the National Electric Safety Code, National Grid Transmission Line Design and Structure Loading criteria, and ROW considerations such as ROW width, the location of existing facilities, terrain, and environmental conditions

As we discussed, the Project involves replacing the existing transmission line structure. The Town's Zoning Code does not define "public use facilities", "utilities", or "essential services". Within the I District – through which the Project traverses - "public utility structures" are permitted with site plan review by the Planning Board for all permitted uses.<sup>1</sup> However, the Town's Zoning Code does not restrict the continuation or replacement of an existing use, nor does it impose height limitations on public utilities.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, the replacement does not require the development of any substations or any anticipated new rights-of-way, therefore, we do not believe that any local approvals are necessary, and we write to seek your confirmation.

On behalf of National Grid, we sincerely appreciate your review of the Project. Please let us know if any additional information is needed and/or whether a personal appearance before the Planning Board to discuss the Project is required. If you have any questions, you can contact me at [dalbano@bsk.com](mailto:dalbano@bsk.com) or by phone at (518) 533-3238.

Very truly yours,

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<sup>1</sup> Town of Manheim Zoning Code § 501.

<sup>2</sup> Town of Manheim Zoning Code § 530.

