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**Letter to Property Owners: Columbia County Transmission Project
(A map will be sent with the letter.)**

May 21, 2012

Dear Property Owner:

On or about May 25, 2012, NYSEG will file an application with the New York State Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need pursuant to Article VII of Public Service Law for the Columbia County Transmission Project.

This project includes approximately 11.1 miles of new 115-kilovolt (kv) transmission line in the towns of Ghent, Chatham and Stockport, a new switching station in the Town of Ghent and modifications to NYSEG's existing Klinekill Substation in the Town of Chatham. A map showing the proposed route of the transmission lines is enclosed.

The project will enhance electric system reliability by bringing a new source of electricity into the Chatham area of NYSEG's Mechanicville Division, eliminating the need to shed customer load upon loss of NYSEG's normal supply.

Construction, operation and maintenance activities will require NYSEG to acquire any of the three types of property rights, including fee interests, easements and licenses, along the project right of way for the proposed substation and transmission lines. (This letter is being sent to property owners along the proposed right of way as well as those who own property within 150 feet of the edge of the proposed right of way.)

Once NYSEG's application is filed with the Public Service Commission, copies of the application will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following libraries:

- The Rudolf Steiner Library, 66 Fern Hill Road, Ghent, NY 12075
- Chatham Public Library, 11 Woodbridge Ave, Chatham, NY 12037
- Hudson Area Library, 400 State Street, Hudson, NY 12534

In addition, copies of NYSEG's application also will be available for public inspection at the Department of Public Service Offices in Albany (Office of Central Files, 14th Floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223). The application will also be posted on the Public Service Commission's website (www.dps.ny.gov).

For information or assistance concerning the NYSEG's application, interested persons may contact:

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Sincerely,

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