

Major Transmission Facility Siting in New York State Article VII Process Flow Chart

Pre-Application Phase

Applicant may meet and consult with various state agencies to introduce a project & gather information on certification requirements or process.

Applicant may publicly announce its project & launch public involvement program(s).

Application Phase

The Applicant publishes newspaper notice of its intent to file an Article VII application at least once a week for the two weeks prior to the filing in all areas through which the facility would pass.

Applicant files the Article VII application with the PSC and serves copies on officials of local municipalities and on the area's State Legislators. The public can file for party status and take an active role in the evidentiary process.

The PSC/DPS may hold public meeting(s) to explain the Article VII process & encourage public involvement.

Hearing & Decision Phase

Once the Application is deemed complete, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will set dates for:

- A Pre-hearing Conference to determine the issues, if any, & to schedule evidentiary hearings; &
- Public Statement Hearing(s) to receive public comments.

Active Parties participate in Evidentiary Hearings* before hearing examiners.

* Note: Active Parties may participate in settlement before or in place of Evidentiary Hearings.

Initial Briefs (or Statements in Support or Opposition of Settlement) submitted to

Reply Briefs (or Reply Statements) submitted to ALJ(s)

The ALJ may make a recommended decision based on the record of the proceeding.

Initial Briefs on Exceptions may be filed.

Reply Briefs on Exceptions may be filed.

PSC makes the final decision as to a certificate.

Post – Certification Phase

If a Certificate is issued, the applicant submits Environmental Management & Construction Plans (EM&CPs), and other post-certification filings.

Final right-of way acquisitions completed. Construction begins.