

March 1, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Please take notice that on or about March 15, 2017, Cricket Valley Energy Center, LLC will commence construction of the New York Public Service Commission (NYPSC)-approved Early Tree Clearing Environmental Management and Construction Plan (EM&CP). This EM&CP has been approved under the Article VII Certificate, which was issued by NYPSC on April 20, 2016. The EM&CP is intended to describe the environmental protection measures to be implemented during construction of the approved Cricket Valley Transmission Upgrade.

The Cricket Valley transmission upgrade includes: (1) a new approximately 14.6-mile 345 kV transmission line parallel to the existing Con Edison 345 kV Transmission Line 398 (Line 398) from the planned Cricket Valley Switching Station in the Town of Dover, New York to Con Edison's Pleasant Valley Substation; (2) reconductoring of approximately 3.4-miles of the existing 345 kV Transmission Line 398 in the Town of Dover between the Cricket Valley Switching Station and the New York-Connecticut state line; and (3) improvements to be made to Con Edison's Pleasant Valley Substation.

The Early Tree Clearing EM&CP includes a detailed description of existing and proposed conditions within the right-of-way (ROW); Plan and Profile drawings that illustrate construction access and clearing requirements; protective measures for streams, wetlands and protected habitats; methods to maintain vegetation on the ROW following construction; and identification of residences, agricultural lands, and protocols to protect previously unknown cultural resource sites. The attached Early Tree Clearing EM&CP map shows the limited area of tree clearing that will occur which is five acres on the Cricket Valley Project Generator site.

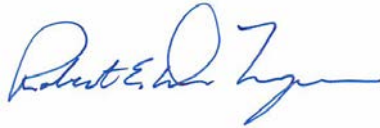
Upon completion of the tree clearing and site preparation work, and pending NYPSC approval, general construction will commence in the third quarter of 2017.

The Early Tree Clearing EM&CP is available for public inspection at LaGrange Library, 488 Freedom Plains Road (Route 55), Suite 109, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603; Dover Plains Library, 1797 Route 22, Wingdale, NY 12594; Pleasant Valley Free Library, 1584 Main Street, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569; or online at [www.cricketvalleytransmission.com](http://www.cricketvalleytransmission.com).

The NYPSC is responsible for enforcing compliance with environmental and construction conditions, and may be contacted by mail or in person at Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3, Albany, NY 12223; or by calling (518) 474-6530.

The Cricket Valley Transmission Upgrade is slated for completion in the first quarter of 2019. Complaints, concerns or questions can be emailed to [info@cricketvalley.com](mailto:info@cricketvalley.com) or mailed to Cricket Valley Energy Community Outreach Office, PO Box 407, 5 Market Street, Dover Plains, NY 12522; or call (845) 877-0596.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. De Meyere". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "D".

Robert E. De Meyere  
Project Manager

Attachment