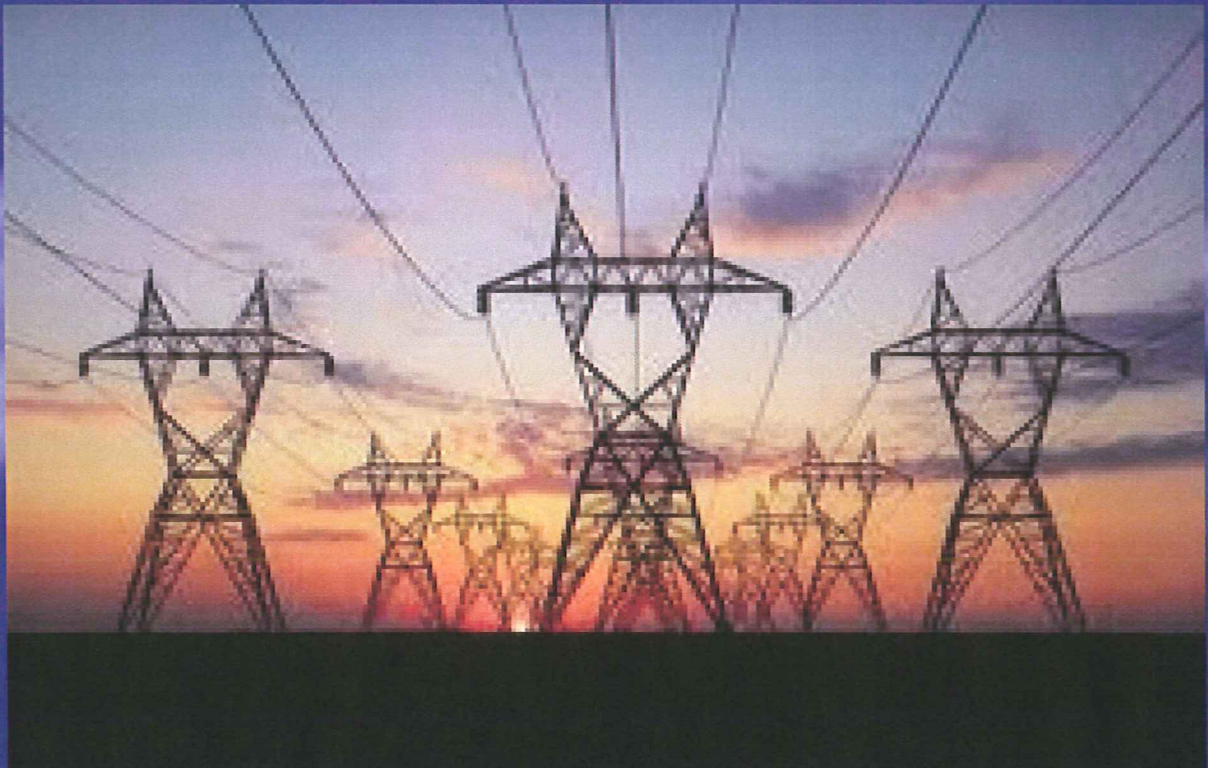


# Call for Action



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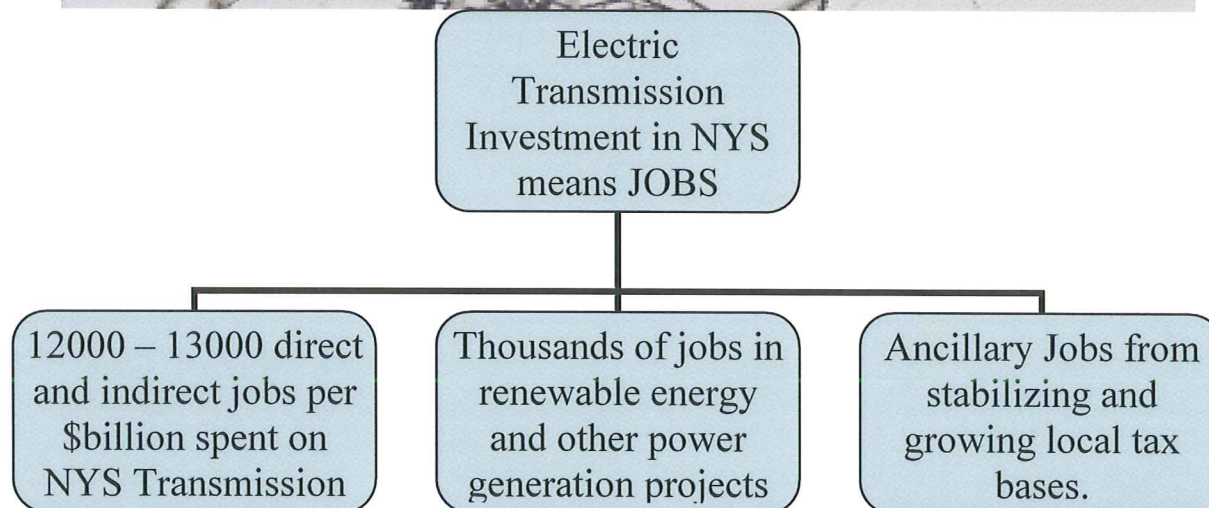


## *Urgent News for NYS Energy Economy*

The *US Department of Energy*, the *NY Independent System Operator* and *Governor Andrew Cuomo* all agree that NYS is in desperate need of replacing and upgrading an aged electric transmission system. This news could not come at a better time for our struggling economy, because it means lots of **JOBS!** A recent study from the Brattle Group objectively spells out **massive job growth from transmission investment.**

### *The Brattle Group*

**Employment and Economic Benefits of  
Transmission Infrastructure Investment  
in the U.S. and Canada**  
May 2011



## *NY Energy Economy at a Crossroad*

### Bad News:

- WNY has lost \$2.5 billion in major new power generation projects in the past 3 years, *due to transmission congestion*, costing thousands of construction and operation jobs and significant regional tax benefits.
- Oswego, NY had a multi-billion power generation project shelved indefinitely due to power markets.
- NY Power Plants above *transmission congestion* areas have closed, are for sale, or are struggling to stay in business, already costing hundreds of lost jobs and threatening regional tax bases.
- The NY City area paid almost \$250,000,000.00 more for electricity in 2008 *due to transmission congestion*.
- *NY City* currently has 1660 MW of “**power import projects**” from Canada and elsewhere pending or already under construction, while *major NYS power generating plants are struggling to stay in business*

**IMPORTING POWER = LOST NY STATE JOBS**

### **Buffalo News** *Spring/2011*



**“AES power plant up for sale as unit continues to lose money”**

*The AES Somerset power plant in Niagara County is the largest of the four New York plants that the company hopes to sell*

### **Buffalo News** *Sept/2011*



**“Wind gets knocked out of energy farm plan”**

*“...power prices are higher there (NY City). In addition, the need for new sources of electricity is greater downstate than it is upstate...”*

**Good News:**

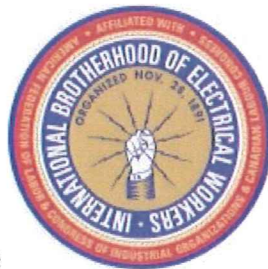
The “**New York City Building Congress**” just completed a report entitled:

***“Electricity Outlook  
– CALL TO ACTION –  
Powering NY City through 2030”:***

*“The Building Congress concludes that there is **significant risk in the electricity supply and demand outlook for New York City in 2014 – 2016 to warrant immediate action.**”*

**New York State can grow our economy and satisfy downstate’s steadily increasing demand for electricity by:**

- *Responding to the US DOE and NYISO urgent warning to upgrade NYS transmission lines, enhancing NY electric system reliability, energy independence and growing thousands of jobs.*
- *Transmission investment will trigger capitalization of billions of dollars in NYS based renewable and other power generation projects – confident that transmission investment will create uniform NYS market based rates.*



**The NYS IBEW joins the**

**NY City Building Congress**

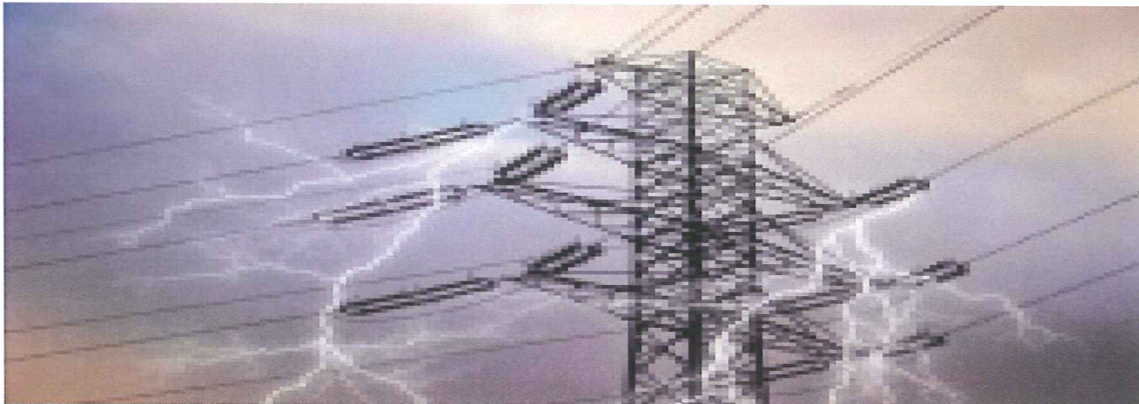
**CALL TO ACTION**

***Satisfy NY State demand for electricity through investment into NY State electric transmission lines and NY State power generation projects that will create thousands of jobs for New Yorkers!***

***Call now and say “we support investing in NYS transmission lines and creating NYS energy and power generation jobs”:* 518-474-8390**

## ***How do the transmission investments get paid for?***

- The congestion problem transects several NYS investor owned utilities' franchise areas, making it imperative that each needs to make their own investment to contribute to a master solution. Many are due to submit rate cases in the upcoming (2012) year. There is a NYS PSC recognized and accepted financial tool known as a "**bilateral contract**", which allow the rate reduction beneficiaries (downstate region) to apply some of their commodity savings to reimburse the investor owned utilities for upgrades. This **keeps ratepayers harmless** in areas with congestion problems, but who will not benefit from addressing the congestion problems.
- NY State is very fortunate to have the **New York Power Authority**, the largest public benefit (not for profit) utility in the country. **NYPA is not dependent on NYS taxpayers or tax revenues.** NYPA also has aged transmission lines that need replacement. The ability to pay for – or capitalize these investments cannot be realized unless the other utilities upgrade their capacity as well. NYPA, therefore, has a vested interest in broad based transmission investment, and is within the guidelines of the "Power Authority Act" to **use their extraordinary bond rating to finance some or all of the necessary transmission investments.**



**A major part of revitalizing NY State's economy can be realized through advancing investment in our transmission lines - creating thousands of jobs, stabilizing and growing local tax bases, stimulating renewable energy development, and reinforcing system reliability and energy independence!**

**Let Governor Cuomo Know You Support NYS Energy Jobs**  
**518-474-8390**

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