

765 kV Line Protest Collection

MSS Coll. # 130

10.25 Linear Feet

History

The North Country Defense Committee and the coalition Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology (UPSET) were the most prominent groups that opposed the implementation of the **765 kV line** by the New York State Power Authority. For a five-year period, between 1975 and 1980, these two groups and some 20 others fought the construction of a 150 mile 765 kV Power line in Northern New York State.

The **North Country Defense Committee** (NCDC) was adamantly opposed to any power developments that would cause any unsafe conditions. In addition to the power line controversy, a priority of the NCDC was to inform the public of the possibility of the construction of a nuclear power plant in Upstate New York.

Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology (UPSET) was established as a not-for-profit corporation under New York State Law in May 1976. UPSET, Inc. existed to gather and disseminate information to further understand the issues relating to safe energy technologies, and to insure that planned and existing energy technologies are safe ones. UPSET defined safe energy technologies as those that do not pose serious danger to life or to the planet while working for energy systems that are safe, pollution free, and accessible to all the people at a reasonable cost.

Scope and Content

Included in this collection are instructions how properly to protest through the use of a coalition, questionnaires given to local people affected by the line, scientific evidence of the effects of electromagnetic pollution on people, animals, and land, photographs, and legal papers pertaining to the issue. Also includes scrapbooks and maps/blueprints from Walter Reimer, President of UPSET.

Provenance

Received as a gift from Margaret Weitzman, Potsdam, March 2001.

Additional material received from Walter Reimer, December 2001.

Series 13 materials from the estate of Alice Norman by John Austin in 2013

Additional material received from Neil Forkey, Canadian Studies Professor, in June 2022.

See also:

Sassone, Robert J. *The brief of the St. Lawrence County Planning Board to the New York State Public Service Commission : routing of the 765 kv line through the Edwards-Pitcairn area*

Potsdam NY: St. Lawrence Co. Planning Board, 1977. ODY Special Collections

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Series 1 Records of the NCDC

Box 1

- NCDC Address Lists 1976 – 1980 Index Cards
- NCDC Check Book
- NCDC Folder Containing By-Laws, Brochures, Pamphlets, Member Lists, and Newsletters

Series 2 Records of UPSET

Box 2

- UPSET Checkbook
- UPSET Address Cards updated 1985 and Selected Organizations (1985)
- Addresses, Membership Lists, etc.
- UPSET/ NCDC Newsletter
- UPSET By-Laws and General Administrative Information
- UPSET Press Releases, Publications, By-Laws, Legal Letters (Clement's Firm)
- Publications to Stop Line: Songs, UPSET March Invitations, Health Concerns, Reimer's Notes

Series 3 Files of Opposition to the 765Kv. Line

Box 3

- Bibliographies, EM Pollution, James Bay Line
- Dams
- Directions on How to Start a Coalition
- Duplicates – 2 Folders
- EM (Electromagnetic Pollution) / James Bay / Line Ready REF
- EM Pollution – Correspondence
- EM Pollution – Current

Box 4

- EM Pollution – Documents
- EM Pollution – Groups 1981-
- EM Helliwell
- EM Pollution – Helliwell Effect (Articles)
- EM Pollution – Helliwell Effect Bibliography
- Annals of Radiation Pts. 1 and 2 of 3, New Yorker Magazine. Brodeur, Paul
- EM Pollution Newspaper Articles 1990-
- EM Pollution Newspaper Articles up to 12/31/89
- EM Pollution, NIMO Study
- EM Pollution – Period Articles 1990-
- EM Pollution – Period Articles to 1989

Box 5

- Land Use and Environmental Impacts Associated with the Development of High, Extra High, and Ultra High Voltage Transmission Lines, Department of Natural Resources, 1976
- EM Pollution – Period Articles on Interference in Lines
- *Public Health and Safety Effects of High Voltage Overhead Transmission Lines*
- *Pollution Studies Reports*
- *Biologic Effects of Electric and Magnetic Fields Associated with Proposed Project Seafarer*
- EM Pollution 1989 Studies
- EM Pollution Studies 1979 – 1988
- EM Pollution Studies up to 12/78

Box 6

- Friends of the Earth – (FOE) – Folder 1

- Friends of the Earth – (FOE) – Folder 2
- Hydro Quebec LA Grande + Power line
- Line – Articles
- Line – Gotham Appeals – Docs – Folder 1
- Line – Gotham Appeals – Docs – Folder 2

Box 7

- Line – Correspondence
- Line Fight Groups Other Than UPSET / NCDC
- Other petitions and correspondence
- Doug Jones – Notes, Interviews, Presentations
- Line Fight – Legal Docs.

Box 8

- Line – Legal Docs Psc 26529 4/98 Dick Phillips Petition and other Fat Bits
- Clippings concerning Phillips petition
- *Petition for Rehearing on Behalf of St. Lawrence County Planning Board.*
- Brief and Appendix for Petitioner Appellant for UPSET Inc. Petitioners v. Public Service Commission and Power Authority of the State of New York
- Line Fight LWV Materials
- Line – Doris Delaney’s Book

Box 9

- Line Fight Pamphlets, Fliers, and other PR
- Line – Reports, Studies, etc.
- Line – Unfinished Business
- Line – Writings by Line Fighters
- Maps Line James Bay
- Minnesota Line 400Kv – Direct Current
- Minnesota Line “Hold That Line” Folder 1
- Minnesota Line “Hold That Line” Folder 2

Box 10

- Minnesota Line “Hold That Line” Folder 3
- Mounted Captions For a Presentation Protesting the 765 Line
- Mounted Photos For a Presentation Protesting the 765 Line – Folder 1
- Mounted Photos For a Presentation Protesting the 765 Line – Folder 2
- NYPA / PASNY Docs + PR

Box 11

- PANDA / Ontario Nukes
- Public Service Commission / DOH Health Effects of the Line
- Prepared Testimony of Andrew A. Marino, PhD, JD and Dr. Robert O. Becker Before the State of New York Public Service Commission
- The State of New York Public Service Commission – Brief of Exceptions on behalf of Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology, Inc. (1978)
- The State of New York Public Service Commission – Opinion and Order Determining Health and Safety Issues... (1978)
- Valley Sponsors

Box 12 (OVERSIZE)

- Posters Advertising for a Dance Sponsored by the NCDC
- Map of Line
- Cassette – Power Line Talk Clyde Moore
- Assorted Newsletters Pertaining to the Line Fight and Electromagnetic Pollution
- Rootdrinker: A Journal of the St. Lawrence Border Country, Spring 1977

- Posters designed by artist Sue-Ryn Hildenbrand, donated by Arlyne Ruthschild

Series #4 Questionnaire

Box 13

- Upset Survey Lists
- Address Listing of Recipients
- Folder – Questionnaire, Contains General Information About EM Pollution, Maps, Pamphlets, Clippings. Information Propoganding Against the Power Transport. Prepared Testimony of Andrew A. Marino and Robert O. Becker
- Research Sources For NCDC Pamphlet - Physical Survey Results
- Summary of Survey Results
- Box Containing Used Envelopes, Survey Responses, Blank Surveys, and Questionnaire Response Summaries

Series #5 Line Protest Photos

Box 14

- Photos – AR Chamberlan Corners 3/5/77 – 3/7/77
- Photos – AR Lauzons' Rally 3/6/78
- Photos – Bombay Ft. Covington Meeting / Filing For Akanesasne Feb. '77
- Photos – Bombay Ft. Covington March and Rally 10/12/76
- Photos – Campus
- Photos – Edwards High School – March 1977
- Photos – Edwards March and Rally – March 1977
- Photos – Governor Carey Visits the North Country
- Photos – Hearing at Canton Court House 9/8/76
- Photos – Jingleville Road
- Photos – Line Fight
- Photos – Line Fight Duplicates and Negatives
- Photos – Malone Sentencing of the 12 Courthouse 3/10/77
- Photos – Maps and the 765 Line
- Photos – Misc. Line Fight
- Photos – Negatives – Anti 765 Film Printouts in Sequence
- Photos – Oswego Hearing on Nuclear Power Construction
- Photos – Plattsburgh 1/12/77
- Photos – The Tree 1/8/77 – 1/12/77
- Photos – Seabrook 5/2/77 – 5/20/77
- Photos – Walk Along the Line and Edwards Rally
- Slides - Gift from Lars and Nancy Eldblom, Fort Covington Fall 1976
- CD of Line Protest March Photos from March 1977, Russell to Edwards, NY – photos by Glenn Nystrup

Box 15

- Newspaper Clippings 1976-1978

Box 15a

- Newspaper Clippings 4/1977 – 10/1977
- Newspaper Clippings # 4 2/24/78 – 4/18/78
- Newspaper Clippings # 5 4/19/78 – 7/8/78
- Newspaper Clippings # 6 7/10/78 – 10/17/78

Box 15b

- Newspaper Clippings # 7 10/11/78 – 2/13/79

- Newspaper Clippings # 8 2/14/79 – 4/13/79
- Newspaper Clippings # 9 2/27/79 – 4/27/79
- Newspaper Clippings # 10 5/7/79 – 5/24/79
- Newspaper Clippings # 11 6/16/79 – 7/18/79

Box 15c

- Newspaper Clippings # 12 5/28/79 – 7/15/79
- Newspaper Clippings # 13 7/20/1979 – 7/31/1979
- Newspaper Clippings # 14 8/1/1979 – 8/16/1979
- Newspaper Clippings # 15 8/18/1979 – 8/31/1979
- Newspaper Clippings # 16 9/1/1979 – 9/18/1979

Box 16

- Newspaper Clippings # 17 9/18/1979 – 9/30/1979
- Newspaper Clippings # 18 10/1/79 – 10/17/79
- Newspaper Clippings # 19 10/18/79 – 11/11/79
- Newspaper Clippings # 20 11/14/79 – 12/8/79
- Newspaper Clippings # 21 12/10/79 – 12/31/79
- Newspaper Clippings # 22 1/2/80 – 2/27/80

Box 16a

- Line News Duplicate Clippings '76 – '78
- Line News 1976
- Line News 1977 Jan – March
- Line News 1977 April – December
- Line News 1978

Box 16b

- Pre- Oct. '76 765 Kv Line Oct, Nov, Dec 1976
- 765 Line February 1977
- 765 Line March 1977
- 765 Line April 1977
- 765 Line May 1977
- 765 Line June/July 1977
- 765 Line August 1977
- 765 Line September 1977
- 765 Line October 1977
- 765 Line November/December 1977
- 765 Line January 1978
- 765 Line February/March 1978
- 765 Line April/December 1978
- 765 Line Clippings 1979 – 1980
- Newspaper articles, Argonne Report, Marino testimony—materials on CD, donated July 2020, by Richard Hayes Phillips, participant in many of the protests.

Series # 6 Reimer Scrapbooks

Six scrapbooks containing clippings concerning Nuclear Power plant and 765 kV line projects in St. Lawrence County.

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1. April 12, 1975-May 1976
2. June 1, 1976-November 1976
3. December 1, 1976-March 31, 1977
4. April 1, 1977- June 18, 1977
5. June 20, 1977-August 30, 1977
6. September 1, 1977-December 29, 1977

Series # 7 Reimer Maps & Blueprints

Box 18 (in Reading Room Double-oversize cabinet #2, drawer #3)

- 46 Massena-Marcy MSU-1, 765 kV Transmission line Plan and Profile Sheets
8/15/75-4/6/76
- 20 Massena-Quebec MSC 7040 765 kV Transmission line Plan and Profile Sheets
6/1/75-4/6/76
- Foundation Applications Notes & Payment Details 4/6/76
- Grillage Foundation Details 4/6/76
- Concrete Spread Foundation Details 4/6/76
- Rock Anchor Foundation Details 4/1/76
- Piling Foundation Details 4/1/76
- Reinforcing Schedule Sheet 4/1/76
- Steel Pole Outline Structure Types HS1, HS2, HAS1 3/15/76
- Steel Pole Outline Structure Types HA1, HA2, HD 3/15/76
- Conductor Suspension Assemblies Hardware Details 4/1/76
- Conductor Strain Assemblies Hardware Details 5/12/75
- Conductor Jumper Loop assemblies Hardware Details 2/13/76
- Structure Identification & Warning Signs 12/26/74
- Structure Grounding Details 3/25/76
- Right of Way Fence & Gates Grounding Details 12/26/74
- Structure bonding Details 4/6/76

Series #8: Publications

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- 765 KV Line Facts
- Akwesasne Publications and Newsletters
- Newspaper Clippings

Series #9: Nuclear Power Publications

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- Nuclear Power Publications (Two Folders)

Series #10: Reports of Nuclear Power

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- Nuclear Power Maps, Projections
- Environmental Reports: New York State and St. Lawrence County
- Scientific Review of Nuclear Power

Series #11: New York State Reports

Box 22

- State of New York Reports: 765 KV Line (Two Folders)
- Case 80003: Long Island Lighting Company-Jamesport Generating Station, Nuclear Units 1 and 2; Initial Brief of the Long Island Farm Bureau (October 26, 1977)
- National Energy Board Report to the Governor in Council: In the Matter of an Application under the National Energy Board Act of Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission (September 1976)

Series #12: Margaret Weitzmann Files

Box 22

- Line Fight memorabilia, 1977-?
- Includes correspondence, issues of *Current* magazine, an appointment calendar and

other ephemera

- Electromagnetic Fields; Public Resource—energy. Contains a number of articles on electromagnetic fields and their links to various health hazards; newspaper clippings, etc.
- Copies of *Rootdrinker* magazine: Winter 1977; Summer 1977; Harvest 1977. Each has an article on the Kv line protests
- “No Kv Line” placard;
- Cotton strip imprinted with the phrase “The Tree Lives”
- P.R.O.T.E.C.T. Inc. Newsletter, 1992; 1993
- *Readers Digest* article “The Menace of Electric Smog”
- Audio tape—“Dr. Carpenter-Elect-mag health risks”
- Anti-765 song lyrics

Series #13: Alice Norman Scrapbooks

Box 23

Three bound scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, press statements, legal documents, UPSET newsletters, a notebook, photographs and other materials related to the 765 Kv line protests.