

# NYPA: Work part of \$1.1 billion, 15-year 'Next Generation Niagara' project to extend operating life of NY's largest hydro plant

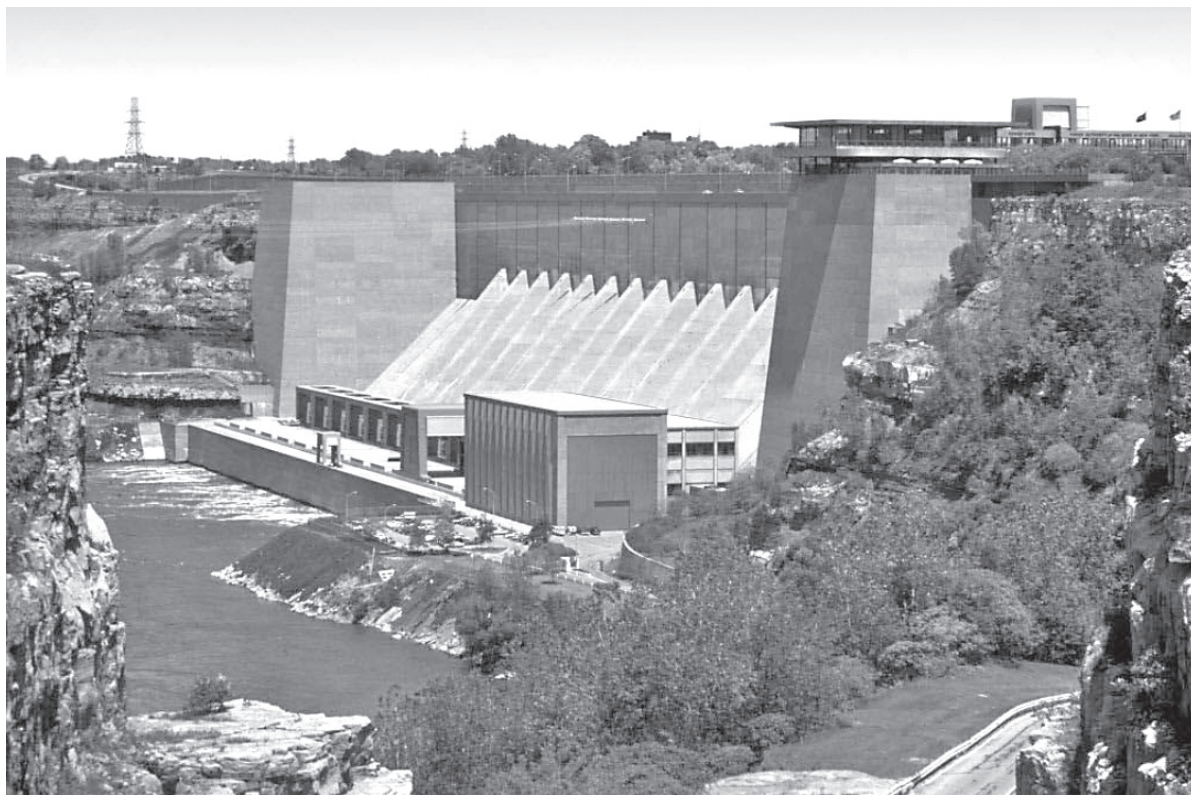
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and building a new back-up control room, and 4) overhaul and/or replacement of mechanical components that have reached the end of their operating life.

The scope of work under this contract, which was awarded in late May, includes the design, delivery and installation of major mechanical components, including headcovers and servomotors, as well as the refurbishment of operating mechanisms including the generator rotors, runners and other turbine components.

It was determined Voith was the best value bidder based on its competitive pricing, experience and ongoing support for the Niagara Power Project, in addition to its submission of what NYPA called "a well-thought-out project execution plan." A majority of Voith's manufacturing will be fully U.S.-based for the project, reducing the risk of supply-chain delays.

"Being selected to perform strategic work at one of America's most iconic hydro plants – one of such critical importance to our nation's electricity grid – makes our entire organization proud," said Stanley Kocon, president and CEO of Voith Hydro North America. "By allowing Voith to construct and refurbish this equipment with American steel in our York, Pennsylvania, factory, NYPA again is



The New York Power Authority's Niagara Power Project (Submitted photo)

leading the way with critical infrastructure investment and domestic job creation."

The first turbine outage to update the plant's mechanical components is scheduled to begin in April 2023. An outage to allow for the digital overhaul of the first unit began late last year and is scheduled to conclude this summer.

### About the Niagara Power Project

Following the collapse of Niagara Mohawk's Schoellkopf Power Station in 1956, and the elimination of tens of thousands of jobs in the Niagara Region and nearly 25% of the city's tax base, the Federal Power Commission issued a license in 1957 to the New York Power Authority to redevelop Ni-

agara Falls' hydroelectric power. The Power Authority employed 11,700 workers and, within three years, 12 million cubic yards of rock were excavated. The herculean effort led to the construction of a massive main structure that is 1,840 feet long, 580 feet wide and 384 feet high.

When the Niagara Power Project produced its first power in

1961, it was the largest hydro-power facility in the Western world. President John F. Kennedy called it "an example to the world of North American efficiency and determination." After 60 years of operation and its obtaining a new 50-year federal operating license in 2007, the Niagara Power Project remains a crown jewel of New York's power infrastructure.

### About NYPA

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## IN THE NEWS

### Mass-vaccination site in Niagara Falls scheduled to cease operations July 19

State to continue to focus on communities with low vaccination rates, partner with local health departments, providers & community leaders

Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Monday announced four mass-vaccination sites will cease operations as part of the ongoing downscaling that will allow the state to focus on localized vaccination efforts. As part of the downscaling that followed the achievement of milestones that allowed the state to lift COVID-19 restrictions, the sites at The Conference and Event Center Niagara Falls, Plattsburgh International Airport, SUNY Polytechnic Institute – Utica, and Jones Beach will cease their operations following vaccinations on Monday, July 19. Additionally, the governor announced the mass-vaccination site at the New York State Fairgrounds will relocate from the Expo Center to the Arts & Home Center, effective Wednesday, July 14.

Over the course of weeks and months, a number of additional sites will demobilize as part of

the strategic downscale based on demand, proximity to other vaccination sites, and other locally focused efforts. The transition reflects the state's plan to focus resources in areas where the vaccination rate is lower than the statewide average through collaboration with local stakeholders, community members and partners.

"As our vaccination efforts continue across the state, we are continuing to target communities that have lower vaccination rates and using every tool at our disposal to make the vaccine accessible to every New Yorker," Cuomo said. "In line with this strategy, the downscaling of our mass-vaccination sites is proceeding as planned and we are shifting resources to where they are most needed, so we can get more shots into people's arms and defeat this virus once and for all."

New Yorkers are encouraged to continue to utilize the "Am I Eligible" tool to make appointments and check on the availability of vaccine at state-run mass vaccination sites. All open sites continue to offer walk-in vaccinations for all eligible individuals.

The COVID-19 vaccine tracker dashboard is available to update New Yorkers on the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine

and includes vaccination data by ZIP code. The New York State Department of Health requires vaccinating facilities to report all COVID-19 vaccine administration data within 24 hours; the vaccine administration data on the dashboard is updated daily to reflect the most up-to-date metrics in the state's vaccination effort.

New Yorkers who suspect fraud in the vaccine distribution process can call 833-VAX-SCAM (833-829-7226) toll-free or email the state Department of Health at [STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov](mailto:STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov). Hotline staff will route complaints to the appropriate investigative agencies to ensure New Yorkers are not being taken advantage of as the state works to vaccinate the entire eligible population.

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