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## NYSEG AWARDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO MAINES FOR NEW DISTRIBUTION FACILITY IN CONKLIN

NYSEG has awarded Maines Paper & Food Service, Inc. a \$272,750 economic development grant to assist with utility infrastructure for the Conklin company's new \$15 million, 77,000-square-foot distribution facility in the Broome Corporate Park.

Approximately 35 Maines associates will work in the new facility that will include dry, cooler and freezer storage as well as loading docks and offices. The facility will support the company's growth in the food service distribution industry.

"This grant has greatly assisted us as we continue to grow our business and expand in New York," said Christopher Mellon, President and CEO of Maines Paper & Food Service. "We are grateful to NYSEG for their assistance and desire to work toward fostering growth in New York. NYSEG plays a vital role in encouraging businesses to remain and expand in the area or in attracting new companies to the region".

"We have a long history of working with businesses, business organizations and local economic development agencies to create jobs and ensure that the communities we serve remain competitive," said Jim Laurito, NYSEG's President and CEO. "We are pleased to provide economic development assistance for electricity infrastructure improvements for this project and we value our strong relationship with Maines."

The economic development award was provided to Maines through NYSEG's Utility Infrastructure Investment Program that provides funding to qualifying manufacturing or large non-retail commercial customers.