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Honorable Michelle Phillips
Secretary to the Commission
New York State Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

RE: Article VII Application of New York Transco: Case #19-T-0684

Dear Secretary Phillips:

In our recent issue brief, “Building Clean Energy in NY: The Case for Transmission Investments,” the Alliance for Clean Energy urged the New York Public Service Commission to accelerate strategic electric transmission investments in order to meet the clean energy goals set forth in the state’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

Among our recommendations was that the Commission act on transmission Article 7 applications within a 12-month period after a completed application is filed. We respectfully ask that you bring this expedited review process to the New York Transco application (Case #19-T-0684) submitted on October 18, 2019 and provide the developer with all necessary approvals to begin work.

The New York Transco project, known as the New York Energy Solution, will increase transmission reliability, reduce congestion and facilitate the movement of Upstate renewable energy to the places and people where it is needed most.

The project is further distinguished by its ability to accomplish these objectives while staying entirely within the existing utility corridor and on utility-owned land, and by the developer’s proactive and comprehensive public outreach effort along the entire 55-mile stretch of the Hudson Valley through which the corridor travels.

New York cannot achieve its renewable energy goals cost-effectively without taking concrete steps to facilitate and support the development of transmission projects. The New York Energy Solution will help move green energy that is already being curtailed, as well as new generation that will be needed to satisfy the CLCPA mandates. It is a good project for the future of New York State and deserves the Commission’s prompt review and approval.

Sincerely,

Anne Reynolds
Executive Director