



May 13, 2020

Honorable Kathleen H. Burgess
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 Burgess:

The American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) is committed to helping New York State reach its clean energy goals. As part of these efforts, we are writing today to voice our support for the New York Energy Solution (NYES) electric transmission upgrade project.

Transmission is critical to bringing reliable, low-cost, location-constrained wind power to New York's consumers, both residential and commercial. When congestion occurs on the transmission system, wind generators are sometimes curtailed, which means that dirtier, more expensive generation is dispatched to meet demand.

The NYES project will alleviate these all-too-common energy bottlenecks, allowing for the efficient flow of clean wind power to the people and businesses who need it, while also improving the overall reliability and resiliency of the transmission system.

Governor Cuomo's commitment to modernizing the state's transmission infrastructure goes hand-in-hand with his clean energy vision and his history-making announcement last July of the largest procurement of offshore wind power ever in the United States.

We respectfully ask the Public Service Commission to help the Governor achieve his goals for a cleaner-energy New York by approving the Article VII application for the NYES project as expeditiously as possible.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew K. Gohn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" being the most prominent.

Andrew Gohn,
Eastern Region Director of State Affairs,
American Wind Energy Association