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Kathleen Burgess, Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

Re: Case 19-T-0684 – Application of New York Transco LLC for a Certificate of Environmental
Compatibility and Public Need

Dear Secretary Burgess,

This letter is provided in support of the New York Energy Solution (NYES) project that is anticipated to help increase the efficiency of our State’s electric transmission infrastructure. This project will run through the towns of Stuyvesant and Stockport, both located in Columbia County and in the 102nd Assembly District.

As I understand it, this project will replace and modernize aging transmission infrastructure to open constraints on the grid and move clean energy resources. Beyond that, it will also provide economic benefits to our local communities by creating and supporting jobs during the construction phase as well as increasing tax revenues for the localities along the project route. In addition, by staying entirely within existing utility rights-of-way, any potential environmental and/or agricultural impacts are minimized.

The NYES project team has been very active in Stuyvesant and Stockport, as well as in other communities along the route, providing information to the public and answering questions. Earlier this year, I personally attended one of the project community events and was pleased with the level of transparency and engagement. Of equal importance to me, is the team’s commitment to closely working with agricultural interests along the route to coordinate on construction schedules and otherwise limit impacts on those affected.

I am confident that the NYES project team will remain a good neighbor and committed community partner, ensuring the reliability and resiliency of the transmission system for my constituents in Stuyvesant and Stockport, as well as others throughout the State. For these reasons and more, I wholeheartedly support the NYES project and respectfully request that any necessary New York State approvals be issued as expeditiously as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter in more depth. Thank you for your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,

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