



Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess
Secretary to the Commission
New York State Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223

March 2, 2020

Dear Secretary Burgess:

I am writing to support the New York Energy Solution (NYES) transmission modernization project proposed by New York Transco (NYS Public Service Commission Case Number 19-T-0684) and urge the Public Service Commission to approve the NYES Article VII application as expeditiously as possible.

As the economic development and marketing organization serving the Capital Region, the Center for Economic Growth (CEG) and its partners are focusing on innovation-driven, technology-based industries that will help regional communities and businesses compete and thrive. As the President and CEO, I see the value of the transmission modernization as it will drive further investment in the Capital Region by delivering reliable green power. The modernization ensures that our technology-based industries will receive predictable power. As new generation resources continue to come online the modernization will help ensure Governor Cuomo's recently announced Green New Deal and help us as a state achieve our nation-leading goal of 100% clean power by 2040.

CEG also sees potential synergies between the upstate transmission project and the downstate offshore wind projects with the ability to attract new original equipment manufacturers to the state to support each project. Projects like this continue to enable the growth of green projects and enable manufacturers to diversify their product offering by joining in delivering the Green New Deal.

Once complete, the New York Energy Solution will be a critically important tool in CEG's and New York's State's economic development toolbox. We encourage the PSC to approve the project and allow us to begin using this tool for the betterment of our state, its business community and everyone who calls New York home.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Kennedy', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Andrew Kennedy

