



October 29, 2020

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

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.

The Center for Economic Growth, as the nonprofit, regional economic and business development organization, and Capital Region Chamber serve as the primary point of contact for businesses interested in growing in or moving to New York's Capital Region. Our work and vision for the region is supported by more than 3,000 investors in business, government, education, and the not-for-profit sectors. As a region with several technology-based industries we are keenly aware as to the importance of the NY Transco Project in providing the power quality required to sustain and grow business.

Additionally, the project timeline will help support NY Forward and assist in our efforts to Building Back Better. Without robust and cutting-edge infrastructure, reshoring of essential manufacturing operations and delivering on Gov. Cuomo's recently announced largest combined solicitations for renewable energy in the U.S. to combat climate change becomes increasingly challenging. CEG and the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce applaud the efforts to refine the project with all signatory parties to avoid or minimize potential environmental impacts.

Once complete, the New York Energy Solution will be a critically important tool in the Capital Region'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 that reads 'Mark Eagan'.

Mark N. Eagan, CCE
President and CEO

