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

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

Dear Secretary Burgess:

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1249 (IBEW), I am writing to offer our full support for the New York Energy Solution (NYES) project, which will help advance the state's clean energy goals while providing significant positive economic impacts to the host towns and region. The NYES leadership, prioritizing safety and efficient, effective project delivery, has committed to using union labor resources for project activities thereby creating many well-paying jobs for local New York State residents.

The IBEW represents approximately 2,400 members in New York State which supply a highly skilled workforce to the electrical industry within the 55 NYS counties that comprise the IBEW's jurisdiction. IBEW members provide numerous classifications of skilled workers including lineman, apprentices, groundmen, equipment operators, CDL truck drivers, flagmen, certified welders, mechanics, tree trimmers and more. All IBEW members operate under a Code of Excellence which provides that our workers exercise safe and productive work practices, perform the highest quality and quantity of work, and utilize their skills and abilities to the maximum. In addition, the IBEW recently constructed a brand new, state-of-the-art training center in Cicero that will help train future generations of highly skilled NYS electrical workers.

The IBEW looks forward to continuing our work with the New York Energy Solution team to provide skilled workforce members from our local NYS communities for project construction needs. Keeping these important, good-paying jobs in NYS will help ensure that the project's benefits are realized by local workers, businesses and municipalities.

The IBEW is proud to offer its full support for the New York Energy Solution and further requests that any and all state approvals be given as soon as prudently possible. Our members stand ready to advance this this important project and help the State realize the project's many benefits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Lawrence', is written over a horizontal line.

**Mark Lawrence**  
Business Manager/ Financial Secretary  
IBEW Local Union 1249