



October 21, 2020

Honorable Michelle L. Phillips  
Secretary to the Commission  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223

RE: Case 19-T-0684

Dear Secretary Phillips,

The New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) is a statewide environmental organization that advocates to protect clean air and water, preserve natural resources, and combat climate change. NYLCV strongly supports New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), and the Act's statutory requirements that New York State's electricity generation be 70% renewable by 2030 and 100% clean by 2040. Reaching these ambitious targets will require significant new construction of solar farms and onshore wind. As we know, the best geography for these projects within New York State is primarily north and west of the downstate population center, while the dirtiest part of the state electrical grid is that which serves the downstate region. Therefore, compliance with the CLCPA will require significant new transmission capacity between upstate and downstate New York.

The New York Transco project, known as New York Energy Solution (NYES), advances the goals of the CLCPA by allowing for increased transmission between a switching station in Rensselaer County and a substation and capacity bank station in Dutchess County. NYES would be built within an existing utility corridor and the project developers have undertaken extensive outreach to communities along the route. The Joint Proposal filed on September 9, 2020 appears to have resolved any outstanding issues and reflects admirable work from all stakeholders to responsibly advance this project. Therefore, NYLCV urges the Public Service Commission to advance this project without delay.

Sincerely,

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