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

Re: Case 20-T-0549: Application of New York Transco LLC for a Certificate of Environmental
Compatibility and Public Need

Dear Secretary Phillips:

I am writing to express my support for the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Project (RTS), an infrastructure upgrade in Orange County that will improve our State's electric transmission network. The project runs through my district – in the towns of New Windsor, Hamptonburgh, Blooming Grove and Chester.

This project will replace and modernize aging electric transmission infrastructure to relieve constraints and support the flow of renewable energy resources. It will also provide economic benefits to our local communities by supporting union jobs during the construction phase and by increasing tax revenues for the localities along the project route. In addition, by staying entirely within existing utility rights-of-way, any potential environmental or agricultural impacts will be minimal.

I further support this due to the commitment of Transco that the project will be done using IBEW Local 1249 members and trade workers from the Hudson Valley building and construction trades council. The assurance that local workers will be employed through this project ensures the commitment to good wages and benefits.

I am pleased to offer my full support for this project and would like to further request that any necessary State approvals be issued in as expeditious manner as possible.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Colin Schmitt

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