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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:

On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1249 (IBEW), I am writing to offer our organization's full support for the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Project (RTS). This is an electric transmission project that will replace and upgrade aging infrastructure in Orange County to support the State's endeavor to deliver clean energy to businesses and residents in New York State. Furthermore, the project supports local union jobs and will spur much needed economic activity both during construction and following its operation.

IBEW Local 1249 represents approximately 2,700 members in New York State (NYS) which supply a highly skilled workforce to the electrical industry within the 55 NYS counties within IBEW's jurisdiction. Our organization's members provide numerous classifications of skilled workers including linemen, apprentices, groundmen, equipment operators, CDL truck drivers, flagmen, certified welders, mechanics, tree trimmers and more. All IBEW 1249 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 utilizes their skills and abilities to the maximum.

IBEW Local 1249 continues to work with New York Transco, the RTS project developer, to ensure a skilled, local union workforce can fulfill the project's needs. Keeping these important, good-paying jobs in NYS will help project benefits be realized by local workers, businesses and municipalities.

IBEW Local 1249 is proud to offer its full support for the RTS Project and further requests that all State approvals be granted as soon as prudently possible. Our members stand ready to advance this important project and help the State and localities realize many benefits.

Sincerely,

Mark Lawrence
Business Manager/Financial Secretary
IBEW Local Union 1249