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Hon. Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary to the Commission
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RE: Case 20-T-0549: Application of New York Transco LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

Dear Secretary Phillips:

I write today in support of the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Project (RTS) currently under consideration in the above referenced proceeding.

New York has long contemplated and needed major transmission upgrades, but those upgrades are even more important now as the State brings on a substantial amount of renewable energy resources in support of its emissions reduction goals related to climate change. First and foremost the Commission' mission is to ensure safe and reliable service for all New Yorker. I strongly believe that this project will contribute positively to that goal.

Another very important reason I support this effort, is Transco's commitment to hiring local labor and investing right here in our community. Hard working members of IBEW local 1249 and members of the Hudson Valley building trades will bring their skills and experience to this project ensuring that it is done safely and correctly. In utilizing this skilled union labor, Transco is committing to wage and benefit standards that will help working families in the Hudson Valley at a time when the local economy is still recovering from the pandemic.

In short, this project will contribute to grid reliability, further the state's climate goals and contribute to our local economy. For those reasons, I am proud to support it and urge the Commission to allow it to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Martucci", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Senator Mike Martucci
42nd Senate District