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Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary
NYS Public Service Commission
The Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: Case No.: 15-E-0302

Dear Secretary Burgess:

On behalf of the Town Board for the Town of Scriba, please accept this letter and the attached resolution in support of the Department of Public Service Staff's Responsive Proposal for Preserving Zero-Emissions Attributes, dated July 8, 2016.

The Town of Scriba is the host community for three of the State's six nuclear power plants: The James A. FitzPatrick nuclear facility and Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station, Units 1 & 2. More than any other community in New York State, we are most affected by the potential closure of these facilities should a reasonable and workable solution to the current financial difficulties facing our upstate nuclear-powered electric generators not be realized in a timely manner. The adoption of a final order resulting in the creation of a Clean Energy Standard that values the zero-emission attributes our nuclear power plants represent will provide the certainties needed to keep these facilities operating and contributing to the local economy, the state's electricity supply, and the environment we all cherish.

The DPS staff's proposal is clear in its analysis and methodology. We wholeheartedly agree with the staff's conclusions that "the result of this proposal is significant economic and environmental benefits for New York." And that "the benefits for paying for zero-emission attributes far exceed the costs."

The Town of Scriba urgently encourages the incorporation of the DPS staff's proposal in a final order implementing a large-scale renewable program that includes a nuclear tier in the form of zero-emissions credits for our most reliable electric generating facilities – upstate nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Burdick
Town Supervisor

At a regular meeting of the Town Board held in and for the Town of Scriba on July 20, 2016 at the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO.: 2016-76

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES AND ATTRIBUTES OF ZERO-EMISSIONS NUCLEAR POWERED ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM, ITS CUSTOMERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, the Town of Scriba is the host community to three of upstate New York's four nuclear power plants and, more than most communities, is directly impacted by the potential closure of any one or all of these facilities; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2016, the staff of the DPS issued its responsive proposal for preserving zero-emissions attributes of nuclear-powered electric generating facilities as part of a component of the Clean Energy Standard under consideration by the PSC; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Scriba is home to the James A. FitzPatrick and Nine Mile Point nuclear facilities and Scriba residents and businesses will be directly affected by the proposals currently under consideration by the PSC; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to acknowledge and support Governor Cuomo's leadership in proposing a Clean Energy Standard that gives full recognition to the critical role that nuclear power generation plays with respect to the economy, the state's electricity mix, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board gives equal acknowledgement to the DPS staff's analysis of the values and attributes of preserving all four nuclear power plants in upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the DPS staff's responsive proposal, including the formula for establishing Zero-Emissions Credits (ZECs), will have immediate and significant economic and environmental benefits for the State of New York as a whole, and Upstate New York in particular; and

WHEREAS, the replacement of the zero-emission nuclear power with equivalent amounts of fossil-fueled electrical generation would result in an increase of approximately 31 million metric tons of CO2 emitted into the atmosphere over the next two years with a societal cost of \$1.4 billion, as reported by The Brattle Group; and

WHEREAS, the report by The Brattle Group produced in 2015 found the nuclear plants that provide the zero-emission attributes at risk provide direct economic benefits of approximately \$1.7 billion per year, including critical local economic and Statewide benefits in the form of property taxes and on average over 2,600 well-paying jobs (as well as secondary employment benefits); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board supports the conclusions of DPS staff that the benefits of paying for the zero-emission attributes far exceed the costs, in that during the first two years of the program, the economic and environmental benefits associated with carbon reductions, supply cost savings and property tax benefits are estimated to be approximately \$5 billion, while during this same period, the total attribute payments are calculated to be up to \$965 million, for a net benefit of \$4 billion; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the proposal supports New York's environmental stewardship, protects the energy market from an over-dependence on fossil fuel, promotes the upstate economy, and allows New York time to implement the 50% by 2030 renewable portion of the CES standard; and

WHEREAS, failure to recognize the substantial value that upstate nuclear contributes at this critical time will result in higher energy costs, capacity costs, higher CO2 and other criteria pollutants and lock New York State into an enormous long term dependence of fossil fuel for the next 20 to 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the DPS staff's proposal is fair and accurate and should be implemented expeditiously to ensure future refueling outages can be executed at each of these critical nuclear facilities located in the Town of Scriba; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board and the Town Supervisor of the Town of Scriba are committed to working with Governor Cuomo, the PSC, and other stakeholders on this important proceeding;

NOW, THEREFORE, UPON DUE DELIBERATION AND CONSIDERATION IT IS AND SHALL HEREBY BE:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board for the Town of Scriba acknowledges the leadership and efforts of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in pursuing solutions that are intended to save the economic engines that are our upstate nuclear facilities, while at the same time leading the rest of the country in a Clean Energy Standard that helps to sustain our environment for generations to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, together with the Supervisor of the Town of Scriba urge the PSC to incorporate the DPS staff's responsive proposal for preserving zero-emissions attributes into the final order in Case No.: 15-E-0302: Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard; and be it further

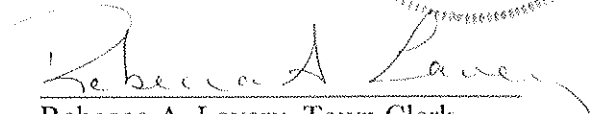
RESOLVED, that the PSC's final order, incorporating DPS staff's proposal for ZECs, be issued on August 1, 2016, to ensure that the nuclear facilities located in the County of Oswego and neighboring Wayne County are in a position to utilize the ZECs, thereby continuing to support the economy of Upstate New York, while preserving the ability to generate reliable electricity for the State of New York, and helping to sustain a clean environment to pass along to generations of Scriba residents to come.

Motion having been put to a vote of the Town Board members present and constituting a quorum was adopted in accordance with the following roll call vote:

KENNETH E. BURDICK, Supervisor	Yes
JAMES SHELDON, Deputy Supervisor	Yes
BRADFORD KENNEDY, Councilman	Yes
EILEEN SANTORO, Councilwoman	Yes
KELLY LAGOE, Councilwoman	Yes



Dated: July 20, 2016


Rebecca A. Lavery, Town Clerk