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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 represent the Orange County Partnership, an organization focused on enhancing economic development in Orange County and serving as a resource to current and future local businesses. We recognize that businesses seeking to expand or relocate in the region need reliable and affordable energy.

I am writing to express my support for the Rock Tavern to Sugarloaf Project (RTS), an electric transmission project that will upgrade aging infrastructure, provide jobs and boost tax revenues in Orange County. Energy is a critical component of any business operation and our daily lives and this project will improve our region's electric grid to better serve customers.

Modernizing aging infrastructure while balancing costs is imperative to ensure our communities and businesses can thrive now and into the future. The RTS Project will do just that and New York Transco has found a way to improve a portion of the system while minimizing costs and environmental impacts.

New York Transco has shown its commitment to working with the business community and host communities even in these early project stages. This is important to the Orange County Partnership and will make for a successful construction process.

I offer my organization's support for RTS and respectfully request that necessary State reviews and approvals are expeditiously advanced.

Sincerely,

Maureen Halahan
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Orange County Partnership