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Mr. John Rhodes
Chairman, NYS Public Service Commission
Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223

RE: Case 15-E-0302: Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard

Dear Chairman Rhodes:

I am writing in regards to the Clean Energy Standard (CES) and its laudable goal to have 50-percent of New York’s electricity come from renewable energy sources by 2030. The 59th State Senate District is home to numerous wind generation projects, including two in the towns of Eagle and Wethersfield, both operated by Noble Environmental Power LLC. In addition to the energy generated, these projects provide critical financial support to property owners, host communities and all of Wyoming County.

The proposed Clean Energy Standard provides new windfarms a 20-year renewable energy credit, but excludes existing operations, like those operated by Noble. This is not fair to existing businesses and may force renewable energy operators to leave New York State and close existing projects. The impact on individual property owners, host communities and residents would be devastating, resulting in lost revenue, increased school and property taxes and lost jobs.

In order to level the playing field and promote competition, the State’s Clean Energy Standard should allow existing renewable projects to participate and receive the same Renewable Energy Credit. I urge the Public Service Commission to revise the Clean Energy Standard to ensure that all renewable energy providers be considered equally under the program.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Gallivan
Senator 59th District

Cc: Mr. Richard Kauffman, Chair Energy & Finance  
   Mr. Adam Zurofsky, Deputy Secretary for Energy  
   Mr. Peter Olmsted, Assistant Secretary for Energy  
   Mr. Jeff Nelson, Noble Environmental Power  
   Mr. A.D. Berwanger, Chair Wyoming Co. Board of Supervisors  
   Mr. Brett Hastings, Supervisor Town of Eagle  
   Mr. John Copeland, Supervisor Town of Wethersfield  
   Mr. Brian Becker, Supervisor Town of Sheldon  
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