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(Via E-mail)
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Re: Case 14-M-0101 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission in Regard to Reforming the Energy Vision; Demonstration Project Proposals.

Dear Mr. White:

I am writing to advise you of the current status of Staff’s review of your proposed REV demonstration projects; the Fruit Belt Community Solar Project, BNMC DSP Engagement Platform, Potsdam Resiliency Project, and Clifton Park Customer Convenience Project filed on July 1, 2015.

I am pleased to inform you that Staff has determined that the Fruit Belt Community Solar Project complies with the objectives set forth in Ordering Clause 4 of the Commission’s Order Adopting Regulatory Policy Framework and Implementation Plan, issued February 27, 2015 in the above referenced proceeding.

Staff will be contacting you in the next few days to schedule a meeting at the earliest convenience of the project teams. During that meeting Staff will review the
basis of its determination which will be memorialized in a report setting forth the details of Staff’s assessment. The assessment report will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

During the meeting Staff will also discuss development of a detailed implementation plan, including a detailed schedule, budget, projected milestones and appropriate metrics for the Fruit Belt Community Solar Project. The implementation plan is expected to evolve and incorporate lessons learned or new developments within the scope of the project. The project implementation plan will be updated quarterly and will include the reporting obligations set forth in the above referenced Order. Once developed, the implementation plan and updates will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

I also want to inform you that Staff believes that while the BNMC DSP Engagement Platform, Potsdam Resiliency Project, and Clifton Park Customer Convenience Project represent potential, relevant and innovative REV demonstration projects, further development is required in order to determine compliance with the Commission’s Order. During the upcoming meeting, Staff will provide details regarding the basis of its assessment, and the additional information needed to complete its review. Staff will also work with the company’s team to establish a mutually agreeable schedule for the submission of addendums to the projects’ July 1, 2015 filing.

If you have any questions, please contact either Tammy Mitchell at Tammy.Mitchell@dps.ny.gov or 518-486-2462, or Marco Padula at Marco.Padula@dps.ny.gov or 518-474-6694. My colleagues and I look forward to continuing to work the Company in the further evaluation and implementation of these projects.

Sincerely,

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