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Hon. Ashley Moreno
Hon. David R. Van Ort
Administrative Law Judges
Office of Hearings and ADR Department of Public Service
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case **15-M-0127 --** In the Matter of Eligibility Criteria for Energy Service

Companies

Dear Judges Moreno and Van Ort:

This Public Service Commission inquiry into the practices of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) began well over a year ago, and throughout this entire time, Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) have frequently asked the Commission to halt, stay, or otherwise delay this proceeding. Several delays have already been granted. Most recently, the Retail Energy Supply Association ("RESA") and several individual ESCOs have filed separate motions requesting new prodedural delays. These many requests for delay come despite recent state court acknowledgment that the ESCO market is indeed in need of immediate reform to protect consumers.

On behalf of AARP's 2.5 million members in New York, we feel it is important that Commission understand older electric consumers continue to face ESCO practices that are confusing, misleading, and which often led to electric bills that are higher than necessary. AARP does not plan to a formal pleading in opposition to the most recent requests for delay. However, we urge you to keep in mind the real-life impact of further delays. Every additional day that ESCO reform is delayed, more seniors are put at risk of paying too much for energy services.

AARP appreciates the serious attention that the judges and the Commission have been giving the ESCO issues in this matter thus far, and we hope that you order no further delay in this matter beyond what is absolutely necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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