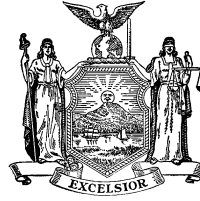


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RE: Case 12-G-0297 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission To Examine Policies  
Regarding the Expansion of Natural Gas Service.

Dear Secretary Cohen,

Attached for consideration by the Commission in the above referenced proceeding please find a proposal by the Department of Public Service Staff's (Staff) regarding data collection and reporting requirements for the major natural gas local distribution utilities in New York.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Anthony Belsito  
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Enclosure