

December 14, 2012

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling
Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223-1350

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

Dear Secretary Brillling:

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Communications concerning this proceeding should be directed to the following representatives of the City of New York:

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Very truly yours,

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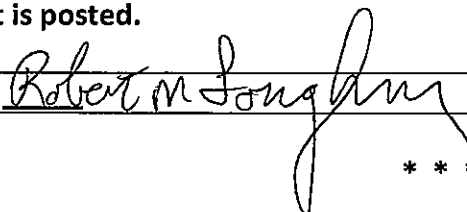
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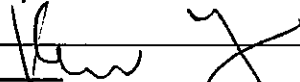
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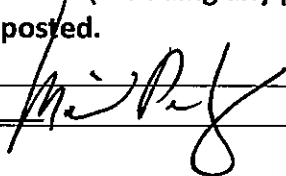
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