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Hon. Eleanor Stein
State of New York Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case 12-T-0248 - Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need under Article VII of the Public Service Law for construction of the "Columbia County Transmission Project," Approximately 11.1 Miles of 115 Kilovolt Transmission Lines and related facilities in the Towns of Chatham, Ghent and Stockport in Columbia County – Request for Exemption of Critical Electric Infrastructure Information from Disclosure

Dear Judge Stein:

As attorney for New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG), I am attaching the following materials that contain critical electric infrastructure information as that term is defined in Public Officers Law §86.5:

1. An electrical one-line diagram that depicts the electrical ratings of the substation.
2. A diagram showing the general arrangement of the substation, depicting the equipment that will be installed in the substation, and the ratings of each piece of equipment

These two diagrams are responsive to Information Request DPS-2(1) issued by the Department of Public Service Staff on April 19, 2013 which asked, "Please provide a single line diagram and a facilities diagram of the proposed Ghent Switching Substation, including a layout drawing of the substation depicting each piece of equipment; include the ratings of each piece of equipment."

The presiding officer in a Public Service Commission proceeding may exempt from disclosure information deemed to be critical infrastructure information (16 NYCRR §§6-1.1 through 6.1.4). The Public Officers Law defines critical infrastructure information as "systems, assets, places, or things, whether physical or virtual, so vital to the state that the disruption, incapacitation, or destruction of such systems, assets, places, or things could jeopardize the health, safety, welfare or security of the state, its residents, or the economy" (Public Officers Law §85(5)).

The diagrams contain critical electric infrastructure information. They depict details of the proposed switching station, which will be the link between National Grid's Trunk 15, the new source of power that the proposed project will supply to the area and the Circuit 726, which will continue to NYSEG's Klinekill Substation. As required by the Department of Public Services information request, they depict each piece of equipment, with the ratings of that equipment. This information would be useful to a person

seeking to disable New York's electric transmission system, a system so vital to New York State that its disruption would jeopardize the health, safety, welfare and security of New York State, its residents and its economy.

Pursuant to Public Officers Law §87.2(f) and Public Service Commission regulation §6.1.3(c) (5), NYSEG respectfully requests that the enclosed information be excepted from disclosure and maintained apart by the Commission from all other records.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John D. Draghi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "D".

John D. Draghi
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cc: Acting Secretary Cohen (w/o enclosure)
All Parties (w/o enclosures)