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BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary to the Commission
New York State Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case 15-E-0302 – Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and Clean Energy Standard.

Dear Secretary Phillips:

NYSERDA requests an extension of time for the issuance of a solicitation with respect to Tier 4 of the Clean Energy Standard. The Commission's October 15, 2020 "Order Adopting Modification to the Clean Energy Standard" directed NYSERDA to issue a Tier 4 solicitation by December 14, 2020 (60 days from the effective date).

The Tier 4 program is a critical and entirely new component of New York's clean energy strategy, and the design of an effective solicitation involves the consideration and analysis of multiple factors involving both eligibility, competitiveness and performance as well as the existing physical electric system and its adaptability to expansion. NYSERDA staff has been working diligently with the Department of Public Service to ensure that the solicitation, when issued, will yield the envisioned benefits to New York in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. Simply stated, an extension of the December 14 date to January 29, 2021 would facilitate and advance New York's prospects of achieving optimal success in this important endeavor.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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