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Hon. Jeffery C. Cohen
State of New York Public Service Commission
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Dear Hon. Jeffery Cohen:

I am writing to express our full support for National Grid in reference to Case 12-E-0201 and 12-G-0202- Rate Case Petitions of Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation d/b/a National Grid. We're pleased with the terms of this request and feel that rate stability and reduction of energy costs will benefit businesses and make New York State more competitive.

Mohawk Valley EDGE is a private not-for-profit corporation that is focused on the economic development of Oneida and Herkimer County. EDGE is also actively involved in supporting the Governor's Regional Economic Development Council for the Mohawk Valley Region, which consists of Oneida, Herkimer, Oneonta, Fulton, Montgomery and Schoharie Counties.

National Grid has been a trusted partner and funder of several key projects in our region, including a Renewable Energy and Economic Development Grant for Matt Brewing Company in Utica, NY. This \$4 million anaerobic digester reduces the brewery's waste water and generates up to 40% of their electricity in a "green" manner.

Part of EDGE's mission is to attract new companies to the area, and we feel that having stability in electric and gas costs will enhance our ability to effectively market the region, entice businesses to locate here, and support existing companies to grow. National Grid's continued commitment to capital investment is sure to spur business activity. Upgrading their transmission system in upstate New York stimulates the region and helps make us more attractive to business.

National Grid has been a key supporter of EDGE's marketing and development efforts for Marcy Nanocenter at SUNYIT, a 420+ acre greenfield site well suited for the semiconductor industry for a chip fabrication plant. National Grid has provided several grants to assist with planning; development of an economic impact analysis, engineering, infrastructure improvements and support for a global marketing effort to enhance New York's position as a global hub for the semiconductor and nanotechnology. The attraction of a semiconductor manufacturer will have a transformative effect on our region.

National Grid is clearly a well respected organization dedicated to sustainable energy solutions and Mohawk Valley EDGE is supportive of this proposal for stable electric and gas rates through 2016.

Sincerely,

Steven DiMeo
President, Mohawk Valley EDGE

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