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Secretary
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 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

Dear Secretary:

In response to a June 22, 2012 deficiency notice from your office, on November 19, 2012 New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") filed with your office a revised Exhibit 7 to its application in the above-referenced proceeding. I am now attaching for filing in this proceeding a further revised version of Exhibit 7 to NYSEG's application. This version, which, among other things, addresses additional local ordinances, supersedes the version of Exhibit 7 filed on November 19, 2012. None of the material in this exhibit constitutes critical electric infrastructure information or information that is otherwise confidential.

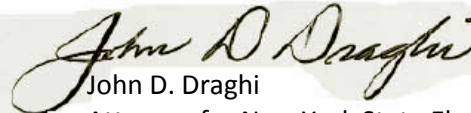
Following discussions with the State Office of Historic Preservation and the Department of Public Service Staff, NYSEG has agreed to perform a reconnaissance survey of structures more than 50 years old that are within one mile of the prime route NYSEG has proposed for the electric transmission lines that are the subject of this proceeding. The survey will be taken from public roads, and will be supplemented by information from real estate records and aerial photographs where structures cannot be seen from public property. NYSEG anticipates providing this study to the State Office of Historic Preservation during April 2013.

Finally, NYSEG hereby withdraws its request, in Section 8.5 of Exhibit 8 to its application in this proceeding, that the Public Service Commission grant NYSEG a Water Quality Certificate for the proposed project under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and Commission regulations. This request is made solely to avoid having the United States Army Corps of Engineers, in accordance with its

regulations, deem that the Public Service Commission has waived a Water Quality Certificate because of the amount of time that has passed since the request was made. A new request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certificate will be filed shortly.

Copies of this letter and the enclosed materials are being served on all parties that received the original Application and on all persons on the Commission's Party List for this proceeding at the addresses indicated on the attached service list. Parties on the Commission's Party List have been served electronically. All other persons on the service list have been served by overnight carrier.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John D. Draghi", is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

John D. Draghi

Attorney for New York State Electric & Gas Corporation

cc: All Parties on Attached Service List