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VIA EMAIL

Hon. Kathleen Burgess
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RE: Case 13-E-0488 - In the Matter of Alternating Current Transmission Upgrades –
Comparative Proceeding – **Town of Milan Intervenor Funding Report**

Dear Secretary Burgess and Judge Phillips,

Pursuant to the Ruling on February 2015 Intervenor Funding Applications (issued March 9, 2015), the Town of Milan submits its intervenor funding report covering the period August 1 through and including October 31, 2015. This report provides for the following:

1. An accounting of monies that have been spent;
2. A report of the results of any studies conducted using the funds;
3. Whether the purpose for which the funds were awarded was achieved;
4. Or, if the purpose has not been achieved, whether reasonable progress was made toward this outcome, and why further expenditures are warranted.

Accounting of Monies Spent

During the period from August 1 through and including October 31, 2015 the Town of Milan spent \$5,844.16 for the services of Daniel P. Duthie, Esq. in connection with the AC Transmission Upgrades proceeding.

2. Report of Results of Studies Conducted Using Intervenor Funds

These intervenor funds were not awarded to conduct any studies and were not used for that purpose. These funds were awarded for legal services to defray the cost of

time spent on tasks necessary to properly analyze the four proposals in this comparative proceeding that would impact the Hudson River Valley, in general, and the Town of Milan, in particular. The funds also enabled the Town to participate as an active party to this proceeding.

The Town of Milan co-funded with the Town of Claverack, the Town of Livingston and the Town of Pleasant Valley, the undersigned services to the Hudson Valley Smart Energy Coalition, thereby sharing valuable information, expertise, and knowledge among the 18 coalition members representing town and county municipalities; environmental, historic, and land preservation organizations; businesses and farms; and Hudson Valley residents and ratepayers. This sharing will continue as this case unfolds to maximize and leverage the intervenor funding and to avoid duplication of work product.

3. Report on Whether the Purpose for Which the Funds Were Awarded Was Achieved

The specific tasks performed by counsel to the Town and the work of Town officials in an effort to contribute to a complete record leading to an informed decision as to the appropriateness of the project(s) and its routes have included:

- ☒ Teleconferences and in-person meetings with HVSEC steering committee members, clients and/or legal subcommittee members on August 11, September 16, October 16, October 22, and October 23, 2015.
- ☒ Attend and participate in Technical Conferences in Albany on October 7 and 8, 2015.
- ☒ Review NYTOs' and other parties comments on Interim DPS Staff Report.
- ☒ Prepare preliminary summary of Interim Staff Report
- ☒ Review field notes from CC Environmental and Planning.
- ☒ Review Matt Cordaro article on New York's Energy Challenges and draft e-mail response.
- ☒ Review update on AC cases to be sent to residents.
- ☒ Review supplemental information and data provide by developers after Tech Conference.
- ☒ Review updated 2nd Draft of LEI Report and provide detailed comments.
- ☒ Review Boundless cost estimates.
- ☒ Prepare Intervenor Funding Report.

- ☒ Attend meeting with Richard Kaufman's senior staff.
- ☒ Attend meeting with NY Times editorial board members.
- ☒ Prepare summaries of meetings with Kaufman and NY Times for clients.
- ☒ Review Staff errata to Interim Report.
- ☒ Review various public relations and outreach communications for legal accuracy.
- ☒ Review agenda for meeting of electeds with the Governor.
- ☒ Review Final DPS Staff Report and Motion with Brattle Report.
- ☒ Review Brattle Group workpapers supporting its report.
- ☒ Reviewed and responded to correspondence and e-mails associated with this proceeding.

As this unique competitive Article VII proceeding continues, the Town of Milan will continue to work on this case and contribute to a complete record leading to an informed decision as to the need for the project and, if need is proven, the route within the existing ROWs that will cause the least environmental, health and aesthetic damage.

4. Future Expenditures are Warranted

The Town of Milan continues to actively participate as a Party to this proceeding and anticipates continuing to do so through a final PSC decision in this case. The Town of Milan will continue to incur expenses for counsel, travel and associated administrative expenses related to participation in this proceeding. Accordingly, future expenditures will be warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of the Town of Milan