



June 27, 2025

**Re: Rockefeller Center Utility Thermal Energy Network (UTEN) Pilot**

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in support of the Rockefeller Center UTEN Pilot proposed by Consolidated Edison. The MTA believes this project could serve as a groundbreaking model for new urban energy distribution networks that are integrated with the city's subway infrastructure.

For the past several months, MTA staff have participated in the planning of the project. Proposed Utility Distribution System (UDS) pipes would traverse the 47-50 Sts-Rockefeller Center Subway Station to connect participating commercial buildings on either side of the station. UDS pipes would enter the subway station concourse between W 48 and W 49 streets, where they would be enclosed behind a protective screen wall and routed along the ceiling in a secure chase. This design, developed in coordination with MTA, ensures that transit operations and public safety are maintained while enabling thermal connectivity across participating buildings.

Notably, the UDS infrastructure would be equipped with portal connections that could be activated in the future to inject waste heat from the subway station into the UTEN network. This feature is especially significant as our legacy underground subway stations and tunnels are exposed to more frequent and intense extreme heat conditions. The exploration of emerging heat recovery technologies to mitigate extreme heat exposure for subway staff and customers is a priority of the MTA.

The integration of existing transit infrastructure and clean energy networks is a model we are proud to support. The MTA is an active partner in the evolution of UTENs and we look forward to continued collaborations that align energy innovations with public transit infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric H. Wilson".

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