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Via Electronic Mail

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

Dear Alexander Stein:

I received your October 4, 2023 letter, filed on behalf of the New York State Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), requesting an extension of time to file a Tier 4 implementation plan. Pursuant to the Commission's *Order Approving Contracts for the Purchase of Tier 4 Renewable Energy Certificates* (Order), issued April 14, 2022, in the above proceeding, the filing was originally due by October 11, 2022. A previous ruling granted an extension to October 11, 2023.

In your letter, you say that the Tier 4 program is a complex and entirely new component of the State's clean energy strategy, the effective design of which involves the consideration and analysis of many new requirements. You aver that the program also involves the resolution of issues that are outside of NYSERDA's direct control. You advise that the development and finalization of the plan requires multi-party collaboration. You state that NYSERDA has established regular, ongoing engagement that would benefit from an additional 12-month extension of the filing due date. You also state that energy delivery from the two Tier 4 contracts is not expected until 2026 and 2027, thus allowing ample time for a thoughtful and considered planning process to continue without risk to program delivery.

Based upon the information provided, an extension, until October 11, 2024, is granted to New York State Research and Development Authority to file its Tier 4 implementation plan as required by the Order. This extension is granted in order to promote the fair, orderly, and efficient conduct of this proceeding, and this ruling will be posted on the Department's website.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.L. Phillips".

Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary