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**VIA EMAIL**

Hon. James Costello  
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Administrative Law Judge  
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Re: Case 24-T-0710 – Application of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need, Pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law, for the Finger Lakes Area Infrastructure Reliability Project.

Dear Judge Costello and Judge Amyot,

The Trial Staff of the Department of Public Service (Trial Staff), designated to represent the public interest in this proceeding, requests to waive the evidentiary hearing. Trial Staff waives its right to cross examination. There is no issue of material fact on which to conduct an evidentiary hearing. Trial Staff has enclosed affidavits of John Quackenbush and Joseph Pobee-Mensah affirming that they have reviewed the Joint Proposal and affirming that its outcomes are consistent with the requirements to issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need and that the Joint Proposal is in the public interest. Therefore, there is no need for an evidentiary hearing.

If you have any questions about the matters addressed herein, please contact me:

Sincerely,  
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Enclosure  
Cc: Party List, via email