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Via Electronic Mail

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Re: Case 22-M-0149 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission Assessing Implementation of and Compliance with the Requirements and Targets of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

Dear Michael Mager,

Thank you for your letter regarding the costs of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) implementation.

In 2023, the Commission approved the Department of Public Service (Department) Staff's First Informational Report on Overall Implementation of the CLCPA (First Informational Report), which summarizes the annual costs and benefits to ratepayers of CLCPA-related programs. The First Informational Report's data and analysis can be found within the <u>presentation</u> provided to the Commission or within the <u>full report</u> also provided to the Commission. It is important to note that the costs included in the report do not reflect approved spending in the 2023 and 2024 calendar years, and do not disaggregate funding that would have incurred under programs that existed prior to the CLCPA.

Earlier this year, as required by the CLCPA, the Department and NYSERDA filed the first draft Clean Energy Standard (CES) Biennial Review, outlining the progress made toward the Climate Act's renewable energy goals. That draft is presently under review by the Commission. The status of efforts outlined in this pending draft directly relates to the Annual CLCPA report. Rather than present data and analyses in fragments, the Department opted to delay the issuance of the Second Informational Report on Overall Implementation of the CLCPA to later this year. This will provide staff with additional time to conduct analysis and compile additional relevant information, all in support of a more comprehensive review.

In addition to the First Informational Report, the integration analysis performed for the CLCPA Scoping Plan contains detailed cost information related to the implementation of the CLCPA. The integration analysis can be found on the <u>Climate Act</u> website. Additionally, the next <u>State Energy Plan</u> that is currently under development, will include an update to this prior analysis from the Scoping Plan, and incorporate new information on the potential effects of the policies included in the State Energy Plan on energy costs for consumers.

Michael B. Mager, Esq. March 26, 2025

I appreciate your interest in this important issue and note that it is a pleasure working with you regarding matters at the Commission. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 518-474-2523.

Sincerely,

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