Town of Enfield
Office of Town Clerk

December 30, 2025

Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary
NYS Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Dear Ms. Phillips,

The Enfield Town Board unanimously approved at its November 12, 2025, Town Board Meeting the enclosed resolution. Our Town Board Members are:

Stephanie Redmond – Town Supervisor
Melissa Millspaugh – Town Councilperson
Jude Lemke – Town Councilperson
Robert Lynch – Town Councilperson
Cassandra Hinkle – Town Councilperson

The Board can be reached via email at townboard@townofenfield.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Cornell
Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION #2025-70 A Resolution Authorizing the Town of Enfield to Request Party Status before the New York State Public Service Commission; Finger Lakes Area Infrastructure Reliability (FLAIR) Project

Whereas, the Enfield Town Board holds a duty to protect the health and safety of its residents and also to preserve this Town's rural character consistent with its Comprehensive Plan; and

Whereas, on December 18, 2024, New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG), requested from the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII of the New York Public Service Law to construct the Finger Lakes Area Infrastructure Reliability (FLAIR) Project, its application assigned Case number 24-T-0710 by the PSC; and

Whereas, under the FLAIR Project proposal, NYSEG would rebuild and replace "Line 982," its existing 115kV transmission line that runs approximately 20.7 miles to connect the Montour Falls Substation in the Town of Montour to the Coddington Substation in the Town of Ithaca, a line and its associated Right-of-Way (ROW) which crosses a portion of the Town of Enfield, as well as portions of the Towns of Ithaca, Danby and Newfield in Tompkins County, and the Towns of Montour, Catherine and Hector is Schuyler County; and

Whereas, in its FLAIR application to the PSC, NYSEG would dismantle the line's existing wooden H-frame structures, generally 30-60 feet in height, built in 1930, and replace them in the existing ROW with steel monopoles, each 74 to 122 feet in height, as well as replacing all conductors and insulators, and

Whereas, in its public filings with the PSC for the FLAIR project, NYSEG has in no instance promised or otherwise represented that should the requested Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need be granted, that the utility would restrict its Line 982 voltage capacity to the 115 kilovolts currently employed, or that it would not place additional transmission systems within the Line 982 ROW or seek the expand that ROW in the future; and

Whereas, this Town Board believes NYSEG in its PSC filings has failed to justify the need for this transmission line replacement absent the utility's unstated desire to increase voltage capacity; and

Whereas, this Town Board holds concerns that the FLAIR project's approval could impose serious health and safety hazards to Enfield's residents, including, but not limited to, the risks associated with increased exposure to electromagnetic energy, especially should NYSEG increase line capacity as a result of this upgrade; and

Whereas, this Board believes that the higher metal structures FLAIR proposes would impose glaring visual impediments inconsistent with the text of Section 5 of this Town's Comprehensive Plan, which states that "natural beauty is a key feature of what makes Enfield an appealing location to live," and that, "Abundant clean water, protected forests, gorges and waterfalls are cherished resources of the Town;" and

Whereas, by letter dated October 10, 2025, Brendan J. Mooney, Partner of Cullen and Dykman, LLP, NYSEG's attorneys of record in the FLAIR proceeding, writing on NYSEG's behalf, provided the PSC a "Notice of Impending Settlement Negotiations" in Case 24-T-0710, the FLAIR Application, and requested that any additional parties choosing to participate in negotiations notify his office of their interest; and

Whereas, for the reasons afore-stated, the Town of Enfield chooses to participate in these settlement negotiations; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Enfield Town Board hereby directs its representative, Councilperson Robert Lynch, to contact New York State Electric and Gas Corporation's designated legal representative, consistent with NYSEG

counsel's letter of October 10, and express the Town of Enfield's intent to participate as a party of interest in settlement negotiations in Case 24-T-0710 before the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG's application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct the Finger Lakes Area Infrastructure Reliability (FLAIR) Project; and be it further

Resolved, that in entering such settlement negotiations as a party of interest, this Town Board and its designees agree to be bound by the settlement confidentiality requirements tied to such participation; and be it further

Resolved, that the Clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to the following: the Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, New York State Public Service Commission; Rod Howe, Supervisor, Town of Ithaca; Joel Gagnon, Supervisor, Town of Danby; Michael Allinger, Supervisor, Town of Newfield; David Scott, Supervisor, Town of Montour; Richard Lewis, Supervisor, Town of Catherine; Justin Boyette, Supervisor, Town of Hector, and Katherine Borgella, Commissioner, Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability.

