



June 5, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary
New York Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case 05-E-0889 - *Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Establish Policies and Procedures Regarding Generation Unit Retirements*

Confirmation of Permanent Retirement of a Generating Facility
Astoria GT 01
Queens, New York, NYISO Zone J

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Astoria Generating Company, L.P. (“Astoria Generating”) is the owner and, until May 1, 2025, was the operator of Astoria GT 01, a 16 MW (nameplate), natural gas-fired gas turbine unit in Queens, New York, New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (“NYISO”) Zone J. Astoria GT 01 fell within the definition of facilities that were required to meet the more stringent air emissions requirements under the New York Department of Environmental Conservation’s Peaker Rule that became effective on May 1, 2025.¹ Pursuant to the Commission’s Generator Retirement Notice Order, Astoria Generating filed a notice of its intent to permanently retire this facility in the above-referenced proceeding on January 28, 2025 to advise the Commission that these units would permanently cease operations as of May 1, 2025, HB 1 pending completion of the reliability analyses conducted by the NYISO under its Short Term Reliability Assessment (“STAR”) processes as set forth in the NYISO’s Open Access Transmission Tariff, Attachment Y.²

¹ See 6 NYCRR Subpart 227-3 (hereinafter, “DEC Peaker Rule”).

² See NYPSC Case 05-E-0889, *Proceeding on Motion of the Commission To Establish Policies and Procedures Regarding Generation Unit Retirements*, Order Adopting Notice Requirements for Generation Unit Retirements (issued and effective December 20, 2005) (hereinafter, “Generator Retirement Notice Order”) at 13, 15; *see also* NYPSC Case 05-E-0889, *supra*, “Notice of Intent to Retire Generating Facility” (dated January 28, 2025) (hereinafter, “January 2025 Retirement Notice”). In accordance with NYISO OATT, Attachment FF, a deactivation notice was also filed with the NYISO seeking to permanently cease Astoria GT 01’s operations.

The Commission's Generator Retirement Notice Order provides that the timing of a deactivation notice is based on the size of the facility.³ As Astoria Generating established in its January 2025 Retirement Notice, a 90-day notice period applied to Astoria GT 01.

On October 11, 2024, the NYISO issued its Q3 2024 STAR Report confirming that the deactivation of Astoria GT 01 did not trigger any new reliability needs on the bulk or local systems and, thus, it had satisfied the applicable requirements to retire on or after the date set forth in its deactivation notice.⁴ Consistent with the information provided in Astoria Generating's January 2025 Retirement Notice, this letter serves to advise the Commission that Astoria GT 01 permanently ceased operations at the end of HB 23:00 on April 30, 2025.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Timothy P. Cawley, Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (via e-mail)

³ See Generator Retirement Notice Order at 15 (specifying at least 90 days written notice must be given for generating facilities that are less than 80 MW).

⁴ See New York Independent System Operator, Inc., "Short-Term Assessment of Reliability – 2024 Quarter 3" (issued October 11, 2024) at 22 (determining previously identified reliability need continued to require redress but finding no new reliability needs on the bulk or local systems arising from the permanent retirement of Astoria GT 01), available at <https://www.nyiso.com/documents/20142/16004172/2024-Q3-STAR-Report-final.pdf/2d633076-10c5-3628-32bc-ba7352cdb6be>.