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The Honorable Kathleen Burgess  
Secretary, NYS Public Service Commission  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12223  
Via e-mail to [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov)

RE: Case 17-E-0603, In the Matter of Maintenance Tier Applications

Kathleen,

I am contacting you with concerns about the ReEnergy Lyonsdale facility and its placement in the maintenance resource category of the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard.

I am a Forester Managing 50,000 acres of private land in the Western Adirondacks, Herkimer County. This market has proven to be a very important low grade market for us only, 25 miles from our land base. We struggle with forest management activities without healthy markets. With this market we have been able to improve habitat for wildlife on 2,000 acres in the last 10 years and plan another 2,000 acres in the next ten years. Our owners are very concerned about the health of our community, forest, and habitat for wildlife. All forest markets support good forest management and allow landowners to maintain and hold their property as working forest.

I believe you are aware of the hard work ReEnergy has put into a new business plan. ReEnergy has found a suitable partner or technology to advance plans for the adaptive re-use of the Facility to allow for continued generation of renewable energy, the manufacture of higher-value bioenergy, and the retention and growth of regional forest products jobs.

I urge the Public Service Commission to rule in favor of the ReEnergy Lyonsdale petition for an extended Maintenance Tier award that would allow the facility to continue operating beyond Dec. 31, 2017.

Sincerely,

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