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## House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

February 10, 2015

The Honorable Aubrey Zibelman  
Chairwoman  
New York State Public Service Commission  
3 Empire State Plaza  
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Dear Chairwoman Zibelman,

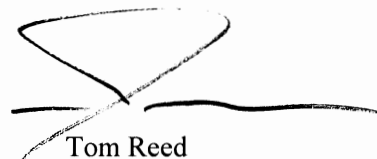
In light of the February 6, 2015 submission by New York State Electric & Gas Corporation to Case 12-E-0577 in opposition to repowering the Cayuga Power Plant in Lansing, NY with natural gas, I write to reiterate my support for the proposals submitted to the Public Service Commission by Upstate New York Power Producers (UNYPP) which will repower the Cayuga Power Plant with natural gas. The proposals from UNYPP will ensure that the facility remains a top contributor to the local economy in Tompkins County and retain high-skilled jobs in the region.

The inclusion of natural gas in electric generation is important to improving system reliability while increasing power quality. In addition, natural gas presents a clean burning, low-cost option for electric generation moving forward. As the United States is currently realizing a boom in domestic energy production, the resource is available like never before. In addition to these benefits, repowering the Cayuga Power Plant with natural gas will keep 90 permanent, high-skilled jobs while also creating over 500 jobs during the construction phase.

The Cayuga Power Plant is also important to the Lansing School District, the Town of Lansing and Tompkins County, contributing to 10.5 percent of the school district's revenue, 6.9 percent to the town and 1.3 percent to the county.

I encourage your approval of repowering the Cayuga Power Plant with natural gas. I appreciate your consideration of the economic, environmental and reliability benefits which will result from repowering. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Drew Wayne on my staff, at 202-225-3161, if I can be of any further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,



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