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The Honorable Gary A. Brown Chairman New York State Public Service Commission 3 Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 1223-1350



Dear Chairman Brown,

I write in support of the proposals submitted to the Public Service Commission by Upstate New York Power Producers to repower the Cayuga Power Plant in Lansing, NY with natural gas. The proposals will ensure that the facility remains a top contributor to the local economy in Tompkins County and retain high-skilled jobs in the region.

In the proposal, the current plant site can be repurposed through a number of options, ranging from repowering the current boilers using natural gas to installing state of the art combined cycle natural gas electric generating units. These changes will help the state meet its energy needs and benefit the Tompkins County community in several ways. The project would keep 90 permanent, high-skilled jobs while also creating over 500 jobs during the construction phase.

The importance 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.

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 districts 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 om Reed Member of Congress



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