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Dear Mr. Hamalian:

I am writing to you today to strongly encourage you to accept the major proposal offered by Transmission Developers Inc. ("TDI") in response to the Large-Scale Renewables Request for Proposals issued by the New York Power Authority. TDI's proposal would allow significant amounts of renewable electricity to be delivered into New York City over the 1,000 MW Champlain Hudson Power Express transmission line project. The Laborers' International Union of North America and the New York State Laborers Union, on behalf of and in solidarity with their 40,000 members in New York State, have long been supporters of the project and, with NYPA's backing, it will soon become a reality.

Direct Impact for our Members

The project would create more than 300 direct construction jobs for our members from Clinton County along the route to Queens County, NY during the 3½ year construction period.

The construction jobs will be associated with the construction of a converter station and the installation of the transmission cable within the state. Our members would also be involved with the construction of temporary access roads, site excavation and site restoration.

In view of the commitment made by Transmission Developers Inc. ("TDI") to use local union labor wherever possible, the project would provide work opportunities in the communities where our members live which would in turn benefit these communities.

Economic Impact

The construction phase will deliver immediate economic benefits to the state. Over the course of 3½ year construction phase, the spending generated by the project will increase New York's Gross Domestic product by nearly \$150 million per year.

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The in-state construction jobs created by the project will result in an increase in demand of goods and services within the state.

The construction phase of the project will create an average of more than 1,200 indirect jobs in New York State over the same period of time from suppliers and businesses in the local community along the route.

The project will also involve direct spending in New York, including non-labor installation costs, as well as fees and taxes paid to the local and state government. With more revenues/sales, businesses will have more profits and therefore be able to hire more people or make more investments.

Increase Reliability and Lower Costs

Once this project is complete it will continue to deliver significant economic benefits. It is estimated that the increased supply of low cost electricity delivered through this line will decrease electricity costs by more than \$650 million a year to customers in New York State.

Given the clear benefits stated above, LIUNA and its union locals endorse the project and urge NYPA to act favorably with respect to the TDI bid. The TDI proposal is fully consistent with Governor Cuomo's clean energy goals for New York and we fully support its selection by the NYPA review team, senior management and Board of Trustees. Selecting this proposal will create good, well-paying jobs while at the same time move the state forward towards a cleaner environment and a more robust economic climate.

Very truly yours,



ARMAND E. SABITONI
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..statistics came from the document Analysis of the Macroeconomic Impacts of the Proposed Champlain Hudson Power Express Project in New York prepared by London Economics International LLC