



August 29, 2017

Mr. Manuel Hamalian
Manger, Procurement
New York Power Authority
123 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601

Dear Mr. Hamalian:

I write today to express support for the inclusion of hydropower projects in connection with the Large-Scale Renewables Request For Proposals issued by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) in June. Hydropower has long been an important source of renewable energy for New York State, and especially has been an important way for NYPA to deliver low-cost renewable energy to municipal governments, non-profit organizations, and engines of economic development. Today, Quebec generates excess hydropower that could help address New York City's demand for electricity, which is large and will only grow larger as the Indian Point nuclear power plant is shut down.

The New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) has long advocated for the development of clean, renewable energy and strongly supports the Clean Energy Standard requiring 50% of New York's electricity to come from renewable energy by 2030. Currently, a significant portion of New York City's energy needs are met by fossil fuel-burning power plants that, in addition to contributing to climate change, emit pollutants that degrade air quality and cause respiratory illness. In order to achieve the Clean Energy Standard, especially once the renewable energy currently provided by Indian Point is no longer available, a number of these power plants will need to be replaced with new sources of renewable energy.

Hydropower produced in Quebec, including the proposed Champlain Hudson Power Express Project, can help New York City meet at least 1,000 megawatts of its energy needs through new transmission lines that would relieve the strain on the most congested load center in the northeast. NYLCV urges NYPA to give favorable consideration to the adoption of hydropower proposals as an essential part of the pending procurement of renewable energy.

Thank you for your consideration of our views in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcia Bystryn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'B'.

Marcia Bystryn

cc: Gil Quinones