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Mr. Manuel Hamalian
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Dear Mr. Hamalian:

I am writing to you today to strongly encourage you to accept the game-changing 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 shovel-ready 1,000 MW Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) project would serve as the pathway allowing significant amounts of renewable electricity to be delivered into NYISO's Zone J.

The New York State Conference of the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) and its thirty three thousand members in the State, have long been supporters of this buried transmission line project. The IUOE is a progressive, diversified trade union that primarily represents operating engineers, who work as heavy equipment operators, mechanics, and surveyors in the construction industry, and stationary engineers, who work in operations and maintenance in building and industrial complexes and in the service industries.

The project will create more than 300 direct construction jobs for our members along the 333 mile 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 exclusively use local union labor, the project will provide work opportunities in the communities where our members live which would in turn benefit these communities.

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The project's construction will also result in non-labor direct spending in the host communities, lower electricity costs and cleaner air for NYS businesses and residents. New taxes for the state and local communities will also be the result of the project's construction.

The construction and operation of the CHPE project would deliver results consistent with Governor Cuomo's Clean Energy policy goals and would position NYPA as a leader in this effort by selecting TDI's proposal. Accordingly, IUOE strongly supports NYPA's selection of CHPE as part of its clean energy portfolio and looks forward to working with all stakeholders to make the project a reality.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. McGraw". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Daniel J. McGraw
President

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