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*Via electronic transmission and U.S. Mail*

Paul A. DeCotis  
Deputy Secretary for Energy  
Chairman, New York State Energy Planning Board  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Re: Energy Planning Proposals by New York City Energy Planning Board

Dear Mr. DeCotis:

I am pleased to transmit to the New York State Energy Planning Board a series of New York City Energy Planning Board<sup>1</sup> recommendations, which are enclosed herewith. As you are aware, the membership of the City Energy Board consists of the principal entities in the City with a direct stake in both short and long-range energy planning measures, with your participation on behalf of the Governor's Office.

New York City is an unparalleled world financial and business center, and is uniquely dependent on electricity and other forms of energy and the infrastructure that supports it. Mayor Michael Bloomberg established the City Energy Planning Board in July of this year. It is intended by him to serve as a complement to the ongoing work of the State Planning Board, a forum for analysis of the unique energy planning needs of the City, and a body that would permit the considered expression of the views of key City energy stakeholders.

The attached series of recommendations represents the collective positions held by City Planning Board members on what we view as the most critical subject areas: the overall planning process, power and natural gas supply and infrastructure, energy efficiency, and

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<sup>1</sup> The City's Energy Planning Board is comprised of the following members: James Gallagher, Chair; Rohit Aggarwala, Director, Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning & Sustainability; Jordan Brandeis, Senior Vice President, New York Power Authority; David Manning, Executive Vice President, National Grid; and Joseph Oates, Vice President, Con Edison

renewable energy and distributed generation. It is our hope that this product of the City Planning Board will serve to inform the work that you and the other members of the State Planning Board are now leading.

Your perspective under the mandate of Governor Paterson's Executive Order No. 2 is of necessity a statewide one. However, we believe that the needs of the State's most critical and constrained energy market deserve special attention by the State Planning Board, and we offer this submission in that spirit. Note also that several of the topics we address will have significant implications for the entire State of New York, and potential benefits that we believe would flow to many areas outside the City.

On behalf of all the members of the City Energy Planning Board, I welcome the opportunity to share our views, and we would of course be happy to provide such amplification of the attached document as the State Board may wish. We very much appreciate your consideration of this submission, and trust that it will be of value in your future deliberations.

Very truly yours,



James T. Gallagher

Chairman

New York City Energy Planning Board

cc: Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg  
Members, New York State Energy Planning Board  
Tom Congdon, Assistant Secretary for Energy  
Members, New York City Energy Planning Board

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