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## Senator Young Calls on PSC to Act So Repowering Can Move Forward At NRG Dunkirk

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ALBANY – Calling for progress to continue on the repowering of NRG Dunkirk, Senator Catharine Young (R,C,I – 57th District) today issued a letter to the Public Service Commission (PSC) requesting the Commission’s open docket be closed and the 2014 National Grid and NRG Energy Term Sheet agreement authorization be continued.

The repowering of NRG Dunkirk has long been a mission of Senator Young, so that the plant can continue to serve as an economic catalyst for the community, and all of Western New York.

“The PSC issued their request for comments in May 2016, and the public comment period closed in July. The Commission continues to hear loudly and clearly from our community that there is broad-based support for the repowering project because the Dunkirk plant is important to our economy and people’s quality of life. When the federal lawsuit against NRG was withdrawn on Friday, November 18, we cheered because it was a crucial step in restarting the repowering process,” said Senator Young.

Senator Young said she has spoken to NRG officials, and they have been taking the necessary steps to begin the repowering work since the lawsuit by Entergy was withdrawn

in November. One of the few hurdles that remain is the open PSC docket on the project.

“The contract between NRG and National Grid that will repower the NRG coal plant into a clean, natural gas plant is still in place, and NRG has begun the necessary ground work to move the repowering forward. I urge the PSC to act quickly so that the promises made to the people of Dunkirk can be realized. The repowering will bring back good-paying jobs, stabilize the tax base, reduce costs for consumers and provide base load energy to the manufacturers who can secure Western New York’s future,” said Senator Young.

Senator Young also applauded the community’s continued support, which she cited as a strong reason for Lt. Governor Hochul expressing the Governor’s continued support for the project when she visited the city last month.

“We have had overwhelming support from so many in the region. It has shown the Governor how critical the repowering project still is to the community. I continue to work with community leaders and project stakeholders so we once again make our voices heard in Albany,” Senator Young said.

She is urging the public to join her in writing the Public Service Commission to ask them to close the docket on case number 12-E-0577. Comments can be emailed to the PSC at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov). Letters should be addressed to:

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