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Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary
NYS Public Service Commission
Agency Building 3, Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

RE: Request to Close the Open Docket on Case 12-E-0577; NRG Dunkirk, National Grid Repowering Term Sheet Agreement

Dear Secretary Burgess:

I write to reaffirm my strong support for the NRG Dunkirk Power Plant Repowering Project (Case 12-E-0577) and to strongly urge the Public Service Commission to take action as soon as possible to close the currently open docket that became active when a Public Comment Solicitation Notice on this case was issued on May 20, 2016. The PSC should continue the Term Sheet Agreement between National Grid and NRG Energy, Inc., approved by the Public Service Commission authorizing the project.

The community at-large continues its staunch support of this repowering project and is thrilled that NRG Energy, Inc. remains committed to this project.

The recent withdrawal of litigation related to this project removed a major barrier to NRG commencing work. NRG is now taking steps to position the project and begin construction.

The delay in finalizing approval for the project already has caused uncertainty and upheaval in the community. With the old power plant in mothball status—even with the existence of the temporary mitigation program funds—there already has been significant job loss, tax revenue loss and loss of other economic benefits.

Once approval is granted and the new state of the art, natural gas plant is up and running, not only will the economy benefit, the environment also will benefit because dirty coal power from Pennsylvania will no longer need to be imported, since this was a consequence to the old plant shutting down.

The Commission should close this open docket as soon as possible to remove the



last perceived obstacle to the project commencing. This project is vital to the economic future of the region and therefore I urge the Commission to bring this up for action expediently to close the docket opened in May 2016.

In conclusion, for the above outlined reasons, I urge the PSC to continue its authorization of the 2014 NRG Dunkirk Repowering Term Sheet since the reasons cited in this public comment solicitation are not valid reasons now to end the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. I urge you to take this action and reaffirm the decision that is to repower the NRG Dunkirk power plant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catharine M. Young". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "Y" at the end.

Senator Catharine M. Young
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Cc: PSC Chairwoman Audrey Zibelman