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Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard

Department of Public Service,

The [Staff's Responsive Proposal for Preserving Zero-Emissions Attributes](#) represents significant progress over the initial Clean Energy Standard proposal by valuing Clean Energy in New York State. The Responsive Proposal removes one of the biggest drawbacks of the initial proposal, in that it aims to ensure that nuclear facilities in New York remain operating for over a decade, and further progress in expanding clean energy can be built on this solid low carbon footing, instead of attempting to make up the difference for lost electrical generation from nuclear closures.

This will put New York truly in the forefront of reducing emissions and will ensure that New York easily hits its emissions goals under the Clean Power Plan. It will also set an example that hopefully other states will match, by effectively setting a price on carbon and valuing all low carbon energy sources.

I would like to thank you for the hard work that went into crafting this proposal, and I sincerely look forward to its implementation.

Warm regards,
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