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2013 New York State Energy Plan Spectra Energy Corps Comments April 29th, 2011 Spectra Energy Corp (Spectra Energy) congratulates the Board for initiating the Draft Scope for the 2013 New York State Energy Plan (Plan) addressing the energy challenges facing the State of New York (the State). The Plan will focus on meeting future energy needs, while balancing reliability, cost, environmental and public health impacts and economic growth. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our perspective on potential solutions to help the State achieve its goals. As one of North America's largest operators of natural gas infrastructure, Spectra Energy has significant insight into the domestic natural gas market. We believe that natural gas, as the cleanest conventional fuel, is well-positioned to play a major, lasting role as the State and our nation transition to a lower-carbon economy. Through our New Jersey - New York Expansion Project (NJ-NY Expansion Project) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Docket No. CP11-56 last year, we are on track to bring additional pipeline capacity and new supply sources to New York City (NYC) by 2013. This new pipeline project will provide significant benefits for Northeast consumers. The supply picture for natural gas has improved dramatically in recent years. Today we have enough recoverable natural gas in the United States to meet consumer needs for nearly a century. Driven by advances in exploration and production technology, substantial volumes of natural gas are being produced in new, prolific supply areas. Direct access to these growing unconventional natural gas supplies here in the United States, provides long term security and reliability, should limit future gas price volatility through competition and requires consideration of new pipeline infrastructure transporting these supplies within the State. It is important to note that the States access to the Mid-Continent supplies is also critical, as the Gulf of Mexico natural gas reserves are declining. Our NJ-NY Expansion Project is focused on the need for new pipeline transportation infrastructure into constrained locations in the State, specifically Manhattan, and the project demonstrates the importance of relieving current bottlenecks in the States pipeline infrastructure system that would improve energy security and reliability while facilitating economic and environmental benefits for New Yorkers through direct access to new, domestic natural gas. Overall we believe the Draft Scope is balanced and focuses on the key energy issues that warrant review and discussion. As the Plan is developed we would be pleased to comment on various issues including the need for developing new energy infrastructure, the importance of maintaining safe and reliable infrastructure systems and how such systems will contribute to the economic and environmental welfare of the State. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments and we welcome the opportunity to provide more detailed information. For further information please contact Mr. John

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