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Dear Mr. Williams:

Given the critical importance of energy planning to the State as we face the challenges of increasing energy prices and climate change I thought you might be interested in National Grid's comments on the Draft Scope of the 2009 New York State Energy Plan. These comments were submitted to Paul DeCotis in his role as Chairman of the State Energy Planning Board earlier this week.


As you will read, National Grid believes that the State Energy Plan must:

- Expand the size and scope of New York's energy efficiency and demand response programs to reduce energy by at least 15% by 2015 and help customers respond to increased energy prices. The state's utilities have a critical role to play in this effort ;
- Expand access to and investment in clean generation resources and fuels to deliver their benefits to customers;
- Support energy infrastructure investment to enhance reliability, modernize systems and ensure that New York is a great place to invest and work; and
- Ensure that the regulatory environment and market rules benefit customers, support the economic viability of utilities and New York's other market participants, and advance public policy.

The Company stands ready to play a leadership role with the State Energy Planning Board in developing and implementing innovative policies to deliver an economic and environmentally sustainable energy future for our citizens and customers.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss our views, please give me a call and I would be happy to arrange a briefing.

Regards,



William Flynn

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