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## VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Doreen Harris
Acting President and CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

Basil Seggos Commissioner New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Dear President Harris and Commissioner Seggos:

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the New York State Reliability Council ("NYSRC") to request an opportunity for the NYSRC to make a presentation to the Climate Action Council.

As you may know, the NYSRC was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at the same time as the formation of the New York State Independent Operator ("NYISO") to ensure that the reliability of New York State's bulk power electric system would be maintained in the transition from a fully regulated electricity system to a competitive electricity market. The NYSRC is responsible for the adoption of requirements and Reliability Rules that it determines to be necessary to protect the reliability of the state's bulk power system, which are binding on the NYISO and its market participants. As the state moves forward with the implementation of the goals set forth in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("Climate Act"), there will necessarily be impacts on the bulk power system that may require the adoption by the NYSRC of additional requirements and/or Reliability Rules to ensure its continued reliability.

The NYSRC respectfully suggests that is important that the Climate Action Council be aware of the NYSRC's role and responsibilities, how the actions to be implemented by the state pursuant to the Climate Act may impact the reliability of the bulk power system, and how those impacts will need to be addressed. As you know, the reliability of the state's bulk power system is essential to the health and safety of the citizens of New York State, especially with regard to the New York City Metropolitan Area, and will become increasingly important as the state moves to electrify other industries.

We would appreciate you contacting us to arrange for a presentation to the Council by the NYSRC at your earliest convenience. Your response should be sent to our counsel, Paul Gioia, at <a href="mailto:pgioia@outlook.com">pgioia@outlook.com</a>, or (518) 795-5766.

Your consideration if this request is appreciated.

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**NYSRC** Executive Committee