



Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary  
State of New York Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, New York 12223-1350.

Re: Case No. 06-T-0650 Proceeding of New York Regional Interconnect Incorporated  
transmission line.

Dear Secretary Brillling:

When you consider electric energy projects within New York State you must be cognitive of the great opportunities available to you here in the year 2008. We have distributed energy options, demand response options; smart metering options to name a few. We have many conservation options available to us as well. We now know how to place clean or renewable electric generation facilities within regions of exorbitant electrical consumption. We have vast "yet unrealized" conservation measures that can be implemented. All of these options must be exercised before we consider permitting new massive transmission facilities. If we implement all of the options mentioned here we would then achieve a total energy management system. An intelligent grid. A smart grid. This should be our objective as we move forward in this new century.

To accomplish these means New York State must first consider all energy options available to us. There are many prudent decisions that can be made by the State that collectively will give us what we need, "a secure, cost effective, preemptive and environmentally sound electrical generation and distribution system that can set a precedence for the entire Nation." New York must prioritize the implementation of whichever solutions it decides upon in a reasonable manner. And we must achieve it in the least intrusive manner possible. These less intrusive solutions must be considered by your commission before 190 miles of 130 foot tall towers proposed by NYRI are allowed to dissect this state.

As you are aware there are already plans under way now to build a 630 MW ultra clean natural gas cogeneration facility at the southernmost terminal of the Marcy South transmission line. Renewable solutions exist as well especially within our energy depleted load centers. Off shore wind and roof top solar options are available everywhere if we look for them intuitively.

We have a world of opportunity before us today. Permitting this NYRI project now and especially on it's primary route would be a step in the wrong direction. We cannot allow the most populated route possible to be the corridor of choice for major transmission site.

I want you to know that when NYRI describes their primary route as quote “an old abandoned railroad right of way” they are not being forthright with you. The reality is that NYRI’s primary route is a corridor of Towns and Villages that were originally founded in a longitudinal fashion to correspond with this railroad. If you look back to the 1870’s when the railroad decided upon “its corridor of choice” it chose to traverse directly through the most populated route possible, through this corridor of towns and villages and logically so that it could service the most business and residences as possible.

Our many villages and towns grew up with this railroad and now to choose it as a primary routing option for a 1200 MW transmission line as NYRI has done is in every respect unacceptable. Unlike the railroads of the 1870’s, NYRI’s transmission line will cause irreparable damage to all those communities along the eight counties it traverses. In reality NYRI has chosen a primary route that maximizes to the fullest extent an exposure to a maximum of humanity that could ever be possible as they looked to travel from Edic substation in Marcy, Oneida County to the Rock Tavern substation in New Windsor, Orange County.

Judging simply by the unprecedented political and societal objections to the NYRI project that sits before you must certainly realize that better options exist for New York. These forward thinking options must be implemented first and before such a massive project should ever be allowed as proposed by NYRI.

I ask that you absolutely deny New York Regional Interconnect’s application that is now being reviewed at the New York State Public Service Commission.

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