



## NEW YORK STATE LABORERS' ORGANIZING FUND

RE: Letter of Support – New York Renewable Connect - NEETNY

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I am pleased to submit this letter in support of the New York Renewable Connect transmission proposals, as developed by NextEra Energy Transmission New York, Inc. (NEETNY) for the New York Independent System Operator's (NYISO) Long Island Offshore Public Policy solicitation. As the NYISO continues to ensure that a clean and reliable grid is available to support New York's nation leading climate goals, the New York State Laborers' Union representing over 44,000 members in the state, applauds NYISO's efforts, and enthusiastically lends our support to Governor Hochul and the Climate Action Council's goal of achieving 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035.

Accessing renewable generation, including offshore wind, requires a transmission system that is designed and built to support the full integration and delivery of clean energy. A clean and reliable grid not only helps our state's environment and public health, but also represents smart policy when it comes to economic investment and job creation. New York has embraced building transmission and renewable energy as part of the transition to good, well-paying jobs for our state's skilled labor workforce. NEETNY is a partner in this the states transition to clean energy with a history of working with local unionized labor on transmission projects, including the Empire State Line, which was completed in June of 2022. NextEra more broadly, has made unprecedented commitments on the power generation side to local union labor, which they have already begun to fulfill, and we believe their continued presence in New York on all facets of our energy transition is an absolute positive for the working men and women of the Laborers'.

Delivering new and innovative transmission projects on schedule is essential for New York to take full advantage of non-emitting resources. As the NYISO's Long Island Offshore Wind solicitation is designed to ensure the grid is available to integrate offshore wind in the most efficient manner, choosing the right partner to develop and deliver projects on time is a paramount priority. NEETNY has proven their ability to work with local stakeholders when building their projects and I appreciate the NYISO's careful consideration of NEETNY's proposals as the NYISO works through this critically important process.

New Yorkers understand the importance and urgency of addressing the climate change crisis. NEETNY's New York Renewable Connect offers a clean energy solution – employing union labor – in a way that respects the interests of consumers, the environment, and promoting good, family sustaining jobs for local workers. It is also, of absolute important consideration, that while there are multiple submissions for this project, NEETNY is the only potential developer that has actively reached out to the local labor communities where these lines will be constructed to pledge their commitment to good union jobs and involved us in their process. Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or issues.

Sincerely,

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