



**Re. NextEra Energy Transmission New York – Long Island Public Policy Transmission Need Submission**

We the undersigned elected officials are submitting this letter to express our collective recognition of the efforts made by NextEra Energy Transmission New York (NEETNY) to continually inform our offices and to quickly address concerns related to their recently completed Empire State Line project, which runs through our legislative districts here in Western New York (WNY).

As you know, the Empire State Line, completed this past June, was the first competitively bid transmission project awarded and built in the State. This new 20 mile, 345kV transmission line crosses the Town of Royalton, Niagara County, and the Erie County towns of Newstead, Alden, Lancaster and Elma.

With any large-scale project such as this, our concerns centered on the company's ability to maintain an open dialogue with our constituents, while completing the project on time with minimal disruptions. Throughout the project, NEETNY demonstrated an extraordinary level of communication and took to mitigate disruption to the towns and communities we represent.

We believe developers of critical infrastructure projects like the Empire State Line should be held to the highest standards, which includes proactive communications, partnerships with local stakeholders and creating good local jobs and while we cannot speak to the technical qualifications of the NEETNY's Long Island Public Policy Transmission Need proposals, based on their performance here in WNY, we presume such efforts will be replicated on future projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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