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Honorable John C. Crary Secretary Public Service Commission State of New York 3 Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223

Dear Secretary Crary:

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Very truly yours,

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