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Secretary Kimberly D. Bose
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20426

Re: Vischer Ferry Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 4679
Draft License Application

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Power Authority of the State of New York (d/b/a “New York Power Authority” and referred to as “the Power Authority”) is relicensing the Vischer Ferry Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 4679) (Project) using the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). Pursuant to the Commission’s ILP regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 5.16(a), the Power Authority hereby files its Draft License Application (DLA) that seeks a new license for the Project. The Power Authority is also filing a DLA for the relicensing of the neighboring Crescent Project (FERC No. 4678) in concurrence with this filing.

The contents of this DLA were prepared in accordance with the Commission’s ILP regulations, specifically the application content requirements of 18 C.F.R. §§ 5.18, 4.51, and 4.41, as applicable, and consists of draft technical exhibits (Exhibits A, B, C, D, F, G, and H), and a draft environmental report (Exhibit E). With respect to Exhibits E and H, the Power Authority has prepared a single exhibit that applies to both the Crescent and Vischer Ferry Projects and will be filed in FERC’s relicensing docket for each Project. The Power Authority will submit Exhibit F, the design drawings of the principal Project works, as Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information with the Final License Application (FLA). Pursuant to Commission regulation, 18 C.F.R. §§ 4.51(h), 4.41(h), the Power Authority will submit the Exhibit G Project maps in a shapefile or similar format with the FLA.

In accordance with 18 C.F.R. § 5.16(e), the Power Authority seeks comments on the DLA from Commission staff, federal and state resource agencies, Native American Nations, and other licensing participants. The Commission’s ILP regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 5.16(e), as well as the Commission’s Process Plan and Schedule, require all comments on this DLA to be filed with the Commission by April 1, 2022. The Power Authority will file a Final License Application with FERC no later than May 31, 2022, two years before the expiration of the existing license on May 31, 2024.

The Power Authority looks forward to continuing to work with the Commission, resource agencies, Native American nations, local governments, and members of the public on the relicensing of the Vischer Ferry Project. In addition to filing the DLA with the Commission, the FERC-filed DLA will also be distributed to the relicensing participants. Relicensing participants may access the DLA by visiting the Power Authority’s

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Vischer Ferry Project relicensing website at <http://www.nypa.gov/cvf>. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please direct contact me at (914) 681-6564 or Rob.Daly@nypa.gov.

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Enclosure:
Vischer Ferry Hydroelectric Project Draft License Application

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