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

Crescent Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 4678-052
Vischer Ferry Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 4679-049
Reimagine the Canals Ice Jam Modeling Study Schedule

Dear Secretary Bose:

The Power Authority of the State of New York (Power Authority) is relicensing the Crescent and Vischer Ferry Hydroelectric Projects (Projects), FERC Project Nos. 4678 and 4679, respectively, using the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). In accordance with the ILP, after completing its first study season, pursuant to 18 CFR § 5.15(c), the Power Authority filed its Initial Study Report (ISR) with the Commission on February 19, 2021. On March 3, 2021, the Power Authority held a virtual meeting to discuss the ISR. As part of that meeting, the Power Authority provided an update on the status of an Ice Jam Modeling Study conducted by Dr. Shen of Clarkson University near the Vischer Ferry Project as part of the Reimagine the Canals initiative announced by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in January 2020. The study is not part of the FERC relicensing effort.

On March 16, 2021, the Power Authority filed its ISR Meeting Summary (Meeting Summary) with the Commission. On April 13, 2021, in response to the Power Authority's March 16, 2021 filed ISR Meeting Summary, Commission staff submitted comments on the ISR and Meeting Summary. Therein, Commission staff asked the Power Authority to file, within 30 days of the issuance date of its April 13, 2021 comments letter, a schedule for providing the results of the Ice Jam Modeling Study to the Commission.

In response, the Power Authority notes that the Ice Jam Modeling Study is part of the broader Reimagine the Canals initiative. Developers of the ice jam model are aware of the relicensing effort and are working to expedite delivery of the report. Currently, the model developers are reviewing draft study results and indicate a release date of the report on or about July 19, 2021. The Power Authority understands that the Commission would like to receive a copy of the study results as soon as they are available. The Power Authority will provide the

Commission a copy of the report within 5 business days of it becoming available. The Power Authority will immediately notify the Commission if it becomes aware of a change of intended release date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Brady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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