

## SOMERSET OPERATING COMPANY, LLC

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## Via Electronic Mail

Hon. Michelle L. Philips Acting Secretary New York State Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: Notice of Intent to Retire Somerset Operating Company, LLC's 675 MW generating unit

Dear Secretary Philips:

Pursuant to the New York State Public Service Commission's (the "Commission") Generating Unit Retirement Order, Somerset Operating Company, LLC ("Somerset") hereby provides notice that, due to sustained uneconomic conditions and regulatory uncertainty, it intends to retire its 675 MW (nameplate capacity) coal-fired generating unit, effective on or before May 13, 2020.

Somerset is interconnected with the New York State Electric & Gas Corporation ("NYSEG") at the Kintigh Switchyard in Barker, NY. Should the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. ("NYISO") determine that a system reliability need would not result from the deactivation of Somerset, Somerset requests a waiver of the Commission's 180-day notice requirement so that it can retire Somerset as soon as February 15, 2020 in accordance with the NYISO process. Somerset maintains all rights with respect to withdrawal of this notice in a timely manner should conditions warrant such action.

As identified below, Somerset is contemporaneously sending a copy of this notice to the NYISO via electronic mail to its designated address and to NYSEG.

Please contact me at (212) 343-8353 if you have any questions concerning this notice.

Sincerely,

Somerset Operating Company, LLC

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Senior Vice President

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<sup>1</sup> Case 05-E-0889, Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Establish Policies and Procedures Regarding Generation Unit Retirements, *Order Adopting Notice Requirements for Generation Unit Retirements* (Dec. 20, 2005).