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Hon. Michelle Phillips  
Secretary to the Commission  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re: Case No. 22-E-0633 – In the Matter of New York Independent System Operator,  
Inc. Proposed Public Policy Transmission Needs for Consideration for 2022.

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Consistent with the requirements of the Commission's June 22, 2023 order in this proceeding, Department of Public Service staff (Staff) has engaged with potential transmission developers and other stakeholders through recent technical conferences. The attached document was prepared by Staff in response to a question that arose in that process. Staff requests that the document be filed in the proceeding so that all who are interested may review the same information.

Sincerely,

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## **QUESTION AND ANSWER FOR NYC PUBLIC POLICY TRANSMISSION NEED**

**Question:** The June 22, 2023 Order makes several references to a proposed solution needing to demonstrate that it can be in service by January 1, 2033 to support the 2035 timeframe for 9 GW of offshore wind generation under the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (“CLCPA”). The Order also specifies that solutions shall accommodate the full output of at least 4,770 MW of incremental offshore wind generation injected into New York City, while the ability of a proposed solution to enable up to 8,000 MW of incremental offshore wind generation should be valued in the evaluation process. Can you please clarify whether January 1, 2033 is the required in-service date that the New York State Public Service Commission prescribes for the entire proposed solution?

Answer: The Order requires a proposed solution to demonstrate the ability to deliver 4,770 MW of offshore wind to New York City interconnection points by an in-service date of January 1, 2033, in order to support the CLCPA’s 2035 timeframe for the total of 9 GW of offshore wind generation. Thus, the minimum technical requirement for a proposed solution is to support the injection of 4,770 MW of incremental offshore wind generation into New York City by that date, while also meeting the other technical requirements detailed under the “Specifications” section of Appendix A of the Order.

If a developer proposes a solution that would enable delivery of incremental offshore wind generation above the minimum 4,770 MW, the developer may propose to construct the solution in phases as follows: so long as the proposal achieves the 4,770 MW minimum injection requirement by January 1, 2033, the developer may propose a different in-service date for the additional facilities that are needed to support delivery of the incremental offshore wind generation above that minimum.

Any changes to the January 1, 2033 date applicable to the 4,770 MW minimum injection would require the advance approval of the New York State Public Service Commission.