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**Attn: Docket No. 2007-OE-01**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

As a resident of New York, I was dismayed to learn that the United States Department of Energy has proposed to designate almost the entire state of New York as a "National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor."As I understand it, under EPACK 2005, this designation would permit special treatment to investors and companies that seek to build transmission facilities within the corridor.

I firmly believe that this designation would be a grave error on the part of the Department of Energy. First, the designated corridor covers virtually the entire state. Since a NIETC designation is supposed to signify those specific areas most subject to electric transmission congestion costs, it does not appear that the DOE has really examined which exact area of New York State, if any, should be designated a corridor. Second, in making this proposal, the DOE has ignored stated goals of conservation, promotion of environmentally sound energy alternatives, and implementation of other demand side measures. The DOE's proposed designation, if approved, will only ensure more outdated, inefficient and environmentally damaging energy sources. Finally, a NIETC designation threatens to override the full and fair opportunity that transmission companies --and the citizens of New York -- already have before New York State siting agencies.

We hope that you will stand by the DOE's statement that the "Federal government is not dictating how the States,regions, transmission providers or electric utilities should meet their energy challenges." The citizens of New York will hold you to your promise.

[Your additional comments will go here]

Sincerely,

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