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Hon. Jaelyn A. Brillling
Secretary to the Commission
New York State Public Service Commission
3 Empire State Plaza,
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Re: Notice Soliciting Comments on Modification to Electric Safety Standards

Dear Secretary Brillling:

The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) seeks to submit the following comments regarding the proposed modifications to the Electric Safety Standards of the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC).

The Electric Safety Standards should be modified to further require that:

- Stray voltage testing be conducted on municipal-owned electric facilities in addition to municipal-owned streetlights;
- Stray voltage testing be conducted on all streetlights including privately owned streetlights;
- Where practicable and appropriate, non-conductive protective materials should be used to insulate electric facilities to prevent stray voltage;
- A copy of the comprehensive report, required to be filed by the utilities with the PSC, be filed with the legislative body of the local municipality and the local municipal entity having jurisdiction over the streets and sidewalks; and
- The utilities establish and implement an educational campaign aimed at informing the public of how to identify and protect themselves from the dangers of stray voltage.

Very truly yours,

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