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(Via email to [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov))  
Secretary Kathleen H. Burgess  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Empire State Plaza Agency Building 3  
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Interconnection Policy Working Group, and next stakeholder meeting in Case 15-E-0751

Dear Secretary Burgess:

This letter is to inform you, parties to Case 15-E-0751, and other interested individuals that the Department of Public Service Staff intends to convene and lead an Interconnection Policy Working Group (IPWG) comprised of interested and impacted stakeholders. As announced during the stakeholder meeting in Case 15-E-0751 on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, the purpose of this working group will be to explore non-technical issues related to the processes and policies relevant to the interconnection of distributed generation (DG) in New York.

Amongst other issues, the IPWG will specifically address interconnection queue management of DG within utility service territories. Recognizing that issues surrounding management of interconnection queues impact the discussions and deliberations of Case 15-E-0751, Staff will ensure, as appropriate, that IPWG discussions are raised within Case 15-E-0751, and vice versus.

The make up of the IPWG should reflect the variety of stakeholders who are impacted by interconnection policies, including but not limited to the following: utilities, DG developers, trade associations, non-governmental organizations, and customer representatives. In order to support convening of the IPWG in a timely and deliberate manner, Staff requests that stakeholders express their interest in participating in the IPWG by Monday, June 27, 2016. In expressing interest in participation, Staff requests that stakeholders provide a brief description of

their interest or impact related to non-technical, policy issues pertaining to interconnection of DG.

Upon selection of IPWG members, which will be completed by Friday, July 8, 2016, Staff will schedule and announce the initial meeting of the IPWG. Staff intends the initial meeting to focus on discussion of scope, process and procedure, timeline, and deliverables.

This letter is also to inform you, parties to Case 15-E-0751 and other interested individuals that Staff will soon announce the next meeting of the parties that are participating in the collaborative as part of Case 15-E-0751, and intends to do so by Monday, June 20, 2016. Staff expects this meeting will be held during the July 5th through 7th timeframe or early the week of July 11th. This next meeting will be held at the Department of Public Service New York City office. In addition, Staff will be scheduling a series of bi-weekly meetings for the party collaborative through the summer, of which will alternate between Albany and New York City.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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