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Basil Seggos  
Commissioner  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233

RE: Letter of Commitment for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Seggos,

This letter confirms the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) strong support and commitment to collaborate with the New York State (NYS) Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.

As described in the DEC application titled "Building Community Resilience through Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions," upon DEC's award from EPA and subsequent executed agreement between DEC and NYSEDA, NYSEDA would implement two measures included in the application: "Create Green Community Cooling and Heating Centers" and "Support Advanced Energy Performance Contracting for Local Governments."

If awarded funding through the CPRG, DEC would subaward funds to NYSEDA to create a Green Community Cooling/Heating Centers grant program that utilizes emission reduction measures and technologies to strengthen community resiliency, specifically focusing on providing spaces for New Yorkers to go during extreme temperatures. Additionally, the Advanced Energy Performance Contracting (EPCs) initiative would innovate on this tested financing model by training municipalities, providing technical assistance through the design and contracting efforts, reducing risk and predevelopment costs associated with deep decarbonization and electrification, and providing an innovation fund to reduce financial risks associated with EPCs for harder-to-finance buildings and measures, such as historic buildings or beneficial electrification.

NYSEDA, a public benefit corporation, was created in 1975 by the New York State Legislature. NYSEDA works to improve New York State's energy, environmental, and economic future by sponsoring energy analysis, research and development, and innovative market development programs. NYSEDA's mission is to advance clean energy innovation and investments to combat climate change, improving the health, resiliency, and prosperity of New Yorkers and delivering benefits equitably to all. With that, NYSEDA is particularly committed to understanding and reducing the impacts on vulnerable and underserved communities throughout the State.



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NYSERDA has the background, expertise, and capacity to successfully implement the programs included in this CPRG application and achieve the resulting near- and long-term greenhouse gas emissions reductions. These programs will further NYSERDA's ability to reduce emissions from public-serving buildings, and provide resilience, air pollution, and other co-benefits particularly within disadvantaged communities. NYSERDA staff have strong relationships with and experience serving the local governments and community-based organizations that would be key implementation partners in NYSERDA's activities included in this grant, and a proven ability to manage projects and procurement processes that lead to more sustainable communities. Moreover, NYSERDA has a history of successful partnership with DEC, which will enable a comprehensive and coordinated approach to all proposal activities.

We look forward to the opportunity to implement this program.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doreen M. Harris".

Doreen Harris  
President and CEO  
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority