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RE: Nine Mile Point Unit 3

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the environmental report contained in the Nine Mile Point Unit 3 Combined License Application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). While we were unable to attend scoping meetings, we have met with NRC and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation staff to discuss the proposed project. EPA requests that the following issues be discussed in the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the license application:

1. A full discussion of the purpose and need to construct and operate Nine Mile Point Unit 3, quantifying energy demand and the need for such facilities in the region.
2. A management plan for the spent fuel that will span the licensing period.
3. An evaluation of the alternatives to the proposed project, including reasonable alternatives not within the jurisdiction of the lead agency.
4. Wetlands impacts should be identified by wetland type. Mitigation plans for wetlands impacts should be included in the EIS.
5. A comprehensive evaluation of cumulative, indirect, and secondary impacts. The cumulative impacts analysis should consider the environmental impacts of the project as a whole, and, if any, as one of a number of the other proposed and/or approved actions in the area that would have the potential to impact the same resources.
6. In 1993, the Council of Environmental Quality guidance, Pollution Prevention and the National Environmental Policy Act, encouraged federal agencies to include the concepts of pollution prevention in EISs during the scoping alternatives analysis, mitigation measure development, and decision-making processes. Pollution prevention techniques should be considered during construction and operation of the proposed facility.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Lingard Knutson of my staff at (212) 637-3747.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Grace Musumeci".

Grace Musumeci, Chief
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