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Draft Scoping Plan Comments

NYSERDA

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Oswego City School District, I would like to confirm our support for nuclear energy's inclusion in the Climate Action Council's final Scoping Plan. The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act calls for 100% carbon free energy by 2040. New York's upstate nuclear facilities operate 24/7/365 and currently produce 44% of New York's zero-emission electricity. They are instrumental to achieving the state's decarbonization goals.

The Oswego City School District is widely recognized for its commitment to excellence in education and providing a safe, secure environment that is conducive to teaching and learning. The School District oversees five elementary schools, one middle school and one high school.¹ Students are our primary concern, and we understand the many benefits that nuclear power provides our district and the students who reside here. New York's nuclear power facilities are the backbone of our economy, providing much-needed funds and programs for our school district. Additionally, nuclear power facilities also provide employment opportunities for our students and their families.

If the upstate nuclear fleet is not relicensed for an additional 20 years, NYSERDA's analysis identifies additional consumer costs of \$9.8 billion dollars to achieve the state's decarbonization goals. We cannot afford to lose this reliable source of clean power generation and the associated economic benefits for the upstate economy. Maintaining carbon-free nuclear plants will be essential to meeting our emissions-reduction goals at the lowest cost to consumers.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Mathis Calvin
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¹ See https://www.oswegony.org/work/oswego-city-school-district?_cf_chl_jschl_tk_=pmd_afe364cb7a23b4c75ef60f2fc9e6e13c62ad3dd6-1626973184-0-gqNtZGzNAfijcnBszQg6.