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Draft Scoping Plan Comments
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To whom it may concern:

Please accept my comments from the City of Oswego. I am writing to support New York's upstate nuclear facilities, including the current language in the Climate Action Council's (CAC) draft decarbonization Scoping Plan. The plan recognizes nuclear generation provides a significant amount of the state's carbon-free baseload energy that will be needed well into the future.

Oswego, New York is a waterfront community located on the Southeastern shore of Lake Ontario and along the Oswego River. Our city is embarking on a transformation to build upon its strengths to embrace our rich history and natural assets, and to promote the development and restoration of our healthy, vibrant neighborhoods.¹

We appreciate the many benefits our city receives from Constellation's upstate nuclear power stations. These nuclear facilities continue to provide good paying jobs for our citizens and contribute to our city's economy, made possible by the implementation of the zero-emissions credit program (ZEC) and corresponding Clean Energy Standard (CES).²

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act calls for 100% carbon free energy by 2040. The upstate nuclear facilities currently provide 3,300 megawatts of 24/7 carbon-free, safe, and reliable electricity and millions in taxes to support local communities. We cannot afford to lose this reliable source of clean generation and the associated jobs and economic benefits for the upstate economy.

The City of Oswego thanks New York state for establishing the ZEC program in 2017 and strongly urges the extension of the program. The City of Oswego commends the Climate Action Council's work on the draft Scoping Plan and are hopeful that the final Scoping Plan will continue to acknowledge the role of the upstate nuclear facilities in our clean energy future.

Sincerely,

Billy Barlow
Mayor
City of Oswego

¹ See <https://www.oswegony.org/live>.

² See Case 15-E-0302: *Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Implement a Large-Scale Renewable Program and a Clean Energy Standard*, Order Adopting a Clean Energy Standard (Aug. 1, 2016) (the "CES Order").

