TO: NYS Climate Action Council

FROM: David Arquette, HETF

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RE: Draft Scoping Plan

Here are the concerns of the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force (HETF) on the New York State Climate Action Council Draft Scoping Plan, December 30, 2021.

1. It is the duties of The Haudenosaunee Leadership to look after the future generations. The future of nuclear power is uncertain. HETF co-authored a paper along with AILA and the Onondaga Nation called “Red Paper on Nuclear Issues” which can be reviewed at [www.hetf.org](http://www.hetf.org). In this paper we state that nuclear power cannot be considered as green energy. It should be phased out permanently. No money should be earmarked to upgrade nuclear power plants. This money should be provided to bring more alternative energy sources such as solar and wind, to more communities that are well deserving of this clean energy.
2. The Haudenosaunee Nations are sovereign Nations located in NYS. Some of the Haudenosaunee Nations in the past has had problems connecting their solar projects to the grid because National grid do not respect our sovereignty. How can this plan or some of the programs developed under the CLCPA assist the Haudenosaunee Nations in setting up their own micro-grids.
3. From the beginning, there has been a lack of meaningful consultation from NYS with the Haudenosaunee Nations on the CLCPA process. How do you expect the Haudenosaunee to comment or come to a common understanding of the CLCPA without meaningful consultation?
4. The Draft scoping document never mentions the sovereignty issues of the Haudenosaunee. Indigenous Peoples sovereignty is mentioned a few times in ties to community stakeholders. We can tie this to lack of meaningful consultation. The sovereignty of the Haudenosaunee Nations needs to be addressed. The Haudenosaunee have jurisdiction over their lands, and the natural resources of their territory.

In conclusion, the Haudenosaunee welcome the opportunity to work side by side with NYS to move away from fossil fuels and move towards alternative energies to reach net zero emissions by 2050. The future of our children depends on it.