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Draft Scoping Plan Comments
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To whom it may concern:

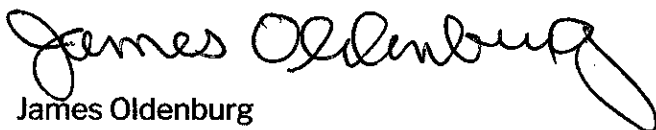
Please accept these comments from the Town of Scriba, New York, home to two nuclear power plants in Oswego County that provide about 2,700 megawatts of New York's carbon-free electricity, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Upstate New York's nuclear facilities help counter the devastating effects of climate change by providing dependable, zero-emissions electricity. Currently, the three upstate nuclear facilities provide 44% of New York's emission-free electricity. Without these nuclear facilities, carbon emissions would increase by more than 16 tons annually. We are pleased the Climate Action Council acknowledges nuclear power's value proposition in its draft Scoping Plan and encourage this language to carry forward to the final plan.

Scriba is a town located in Oswego County, New York with a population of 6,840.¹ We fully support New York's upstate nuclear facilities, as they support our town's economy and provide good paying jobs for our citizens. This positive impact is largely thanks to the clean energy standard (CES) and the zero-emissions credit (ZEC) program.²

The Town of Scriba urges the Climate Action Council to recommend extension of the existing (ZEC) program beyond its expiration in 2029. This action will preserve the upstate nuclear plants until other policy mechanisms, like carbon pricing, can be implemented. Continued investment in nuclear power, in conjunction with other carbon-free resources, is necessary to achieve our environmental goals.

Thank you for allowing us to participate in this important matter.

Respectfully,



James Oldenburg
Town Supervisor
Town of Scriba

¹ The population data is as of the 2010 census. See <http://www.scribany.org/>.

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").