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Honorable Kathleen Burgess Secretary New York Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350

RE: Case 14-M-0094, Clean Energy Fund

Dear Secretary Burgess,

These are the comments of Consumer Power Advocates (CPA) regarding in the above captioned proceedings. Consumer Power Advocates' mission is to lower energy costs for our members through representation in energy-related regulatory and legislative proceedings. CPA is an alliance of large not-for-profit institutions in the greater New York region. Our membership is open to hospitals, universities, medical schools, and cultural institutions. CPA members include some of the largest employers and energy users in New York State. Six of our recent member hospitals are among the 15 largest regional health organizations including five of the ten largest. Six current CPA members are among New York City's 25 largest employers, according to Crain's New York Business. Our members all buy large amounts of energy and delivery services form Con Edison and participate in NYSERDA programs. Some of our members operate or are considering building distributed energy resources (DER), and support the goals of the REV proceeding.

CPA is pleased to support NYSERDA's June 25, 2015 Supplement to its September 23, 2014 Clean Energy Fund (CEF) Proposal. We expect the CEF to be an effective funding mechanism supporting the State's energy goals, without burdening consumers or taxpayers with unnecessary costs. At the same time, the Supplement provides an orderly schedule for the transition to this new financial

paradigm, which will not disrupt successful current programs. The success of current programs, as reported in the Supplement and elsewhere, has made a significant contribution to progress toward New York's energy efficiency and carbon reduction goals. The continuation of these programs until 2018, as NYSERDA proposes, assures us that this will continue.

Consumer Power Advocates urges the Commission to accept NYSERDA's Clean Energy Fund Proposal, including the Supplement, in its entirety.

Respectfully Submitted,

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