

December 11, 2015

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Dear John:

By letter dated October 30, 2015, National Grid informed the New York Public Service Commission that reliability of the local National Grid transmission system and the Bulk Power System can be maintained through at least 2020 even if Dunkirk is mothballed and Huntley is retired effective March 1, 2016, subject to the implementation of certain system upgrades.

In order for the NYISO to make a final determination regarding whether a need exists for Huntley Generating Units 67 and/or 68 to be retained as Reliability Must Run (RMR) generator(s), the NYISO requests certain confirmations from National Grid that are described below.

#### **NERC, NPCC and NYSRC Reliability Criteria**

In the event that both Huntley and Dunkirk are out of service, the NYISO has verified that all applicable NERC, NPCC and NYSRC reliability criteria for the New York State Bulk Power System can be maintained once certain relay setting modifications at the Sawyer 23kV distribution station are implemented.

The NYISO requests that National Grid please state via a written response to this letter whether or not: (a) all applicable NERC, NPCC and NYSRC reliability criteria for the non-bulk National Grid system will similarly be maintained when the relay setting modifications at the Sawyer 23kV distribution station are implemented, and (b) whether National Grid will make the relay setting modifications at the Sawyer 23kV distribution station by March 1, 2016.

#### **Applicable Local Criteria**

The NYISO requests that National Grid please state in a written response to this letter whether or not it has identified a need for Huntley Generating Units 67 and/or 68 to be retained as Reliability Must Run (RMR) generator(s) to meet any applicable local criteria.

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**Information Required to Justify Execution of an RMR Agreement Based on applicable local criteria**

In order for the NYISO to enter into an RMR Agreement to address an identified Reliability Need based on applicable local criteria, the NYISO must provide a complete explanation of the relevant local criteria to FERC. The NYISO's explanation must include documentation as to when the criteria became effective, how the criteria were applied, which regulatory body approved the reliability standard, and any other supporting information. If appropriate, National Grid should include this information in its written response.

The NYISO requests National Grid provide its response to this letter no later than December 16, 2015. The NYISO thanks National Grid for its efforts and cooperation in our mutual interest of maintaining New York State electric system reliability.

Sincerely,



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