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November 16, 2020 VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Honorable Michelle L. Phillips Secretary to the Commission New York State Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350

Honorable Anthony Belsito Administrative Law Judge New York State Department of Public Service Three Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12223-1350

Re: Case 18-T-0604

I am writing to you in response to a motion made by South Fork Wind LLC, the Applicant, on November 5, 2020 to strike the full testimony and exhibits of Mr. Simon V. Kinsella.

Shortly thereafter, Administrative Law Judge Anthony Belsito sent an email to the other parties in the case asking them to respond to that motion.

I've known Mr. Kinsella since at least 2017, when he was an appointed member by the Town of East Hampton to the Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee as its environmental lead for the committee.

Mr. Kinsella's depth of knowledge and his incredible attention to detail, along with his ability to root out and uncover information that would otherwise be unknown to the public, make his testimony incredibly important to this proceeding. It is not only credible, it is factually correct, intellectually honest, and shows multiple insights to this case that would otherwise be unknown. It is voluminous, but it is in my opinion important to complete the full picture of this case.

Removing his testimony and exhibits would not only hurt the proceedings but also the public at large who may not have the time to do the legwork that he has done, but deserve to know all of the facts surrounding this application, including the facts that have been unearthed as a result of his diligence.

LICFA believe he deserves his day in court and the ability to present his evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Should any portion of the evidence that he has presented be questioned as to admissibility as it relates to this case, it should be decided through an established process, during the evidentiary phase of the proceeding.

We respectfully request that the Applicant's motion be denied for these reasons.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Brady

**Executive Director** 

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