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Hon. Harriett D. Cornell
Rockland County Legislature
11 New Hempstead Road
New City, New York 10956

Re: Case 13-W-0303 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission to Examine United Water New York, Inc.'s Development of a New Long-Term Water Supply Source.

Dear Legislator Cornell:

I write to acknowledge your letter of August 4, 2015 concerning recent and ongoing work efforts on the development of new opportunities to meet the long-term water supply needs of Rockland County customers. It seems clear that significant progress has been forged based on recent compliance reports submitted to the Commission in response to the Commission's November 17, 2014 *Order Addressing Status of Need and Directing Further Study* in Case 13-W-0303. I know that the Task Force, and you in particular, have worked hard over the past many months to explore a comprehensive set of long term strategies to support an environmentally enlightened long-term plan that promotes consumer engagement and conservation. While much important work remains ahead of us, I am encouraged to see that a new path forward is emerging. I remain fully committed to an open, transparent and collaborative process. It seems evident that a fresh look at how all stakeholders can most effectively work together to constructively plan and implement this new path forward is warranted. My assistant will be contacting you to arrange a meeting in the very near future to discuss this topic.

Sincerely,

Audrey Zibelman
Chair

cc: Hon. Edwin J. Day
Hon. Alden H. Wolfe
Patricie Drake