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August 12, 2015

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Hon. Kathleen M. Burgess  
Secretary to the Commission  
New York Public Service Commission  
Agency Building 3  
Albany, New York 12223-1350

**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  
NOTICE SEEKING PUBLIC COMMENT ON ABANDONMENT OF THE HAVERSTRAW PROJECT PLAN**

Dear Secretary Burgess:

Rockland County Task Force on Water Resources Management (TF) supports the request of the NYSDOS Utility Intervention Unit (UIU) for an extension of the comment period set forth in the above-referenced Notice to October 21, 2015, with replies due on November 13, 2015.

This matter concerns an issue of significant public interest. The Notice solicits comments regarding complex technical expert reports, as well as the larger issue of abandonment of the Haverstraw project. In addition to the reasons stated in UIU's request, the additional time will allow the Task Force and the Rockland community greater ability to fully review the expert reports and submit comments on this complex issue into the public record.

During August, many are on vacations and out of offices. In September there are several religious holidays. Given the gravity of the issues at stake, we believe that the ratepayers' interests would be prejudiced by not allowing adequate time and opportunity to study and comment on these long complex documents.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Harriet Cornell, Chairwoman  
Rockland Task Force on Water Resources Management