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Assemblyman 130<sup>th</sup> District

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December 13, 2021

Hon. Kathy Hochul  
Governor, State of New York  
New York State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

Hon. Carl Heastie, Speaker  
New York State Assembly  
932 Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY 12248

Hon. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Sen. Majority Leader  
188 State Street  
907 Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Gov. Hochul, Speaker Heastie and Leader Stewart-Cousins:

I am writing to respectfully express my disappointment with the selection process for local ad hoc appointments to an Article 10 Siting Board in the Town of Conquest and request action be taken to make these appointments.

As you know, the purpose of these appointments is to have local representation on the Siting Board to express the thoughts and concerns of the community. This is why I have co-sponsored Assemblyman Morinello's legislation (**A.4549**) that would prevent a Siting Board from having a quorum unless the two ad hoc members have been approved. It has been well over a year since Conquest Town Supervisor Charles M. Knapp nominated four people for consideration on October 2, 2020. To follow up on this matter, Sen. Pamela A. Helming sent a letter on August 20, 2021 and Conquest Town Attorney Norman J. Chirco sent another letter on September 27, 2021 requesting action be taken but there have still been no selections.

During this time, the Garnet Energy Center's application has moved forward despite the Town of Conquest not having representation on the Siting Board. I ask that you slow down the approval of the Garnet Energy Center and allow the Siting Board to reconsider the application once these appointments are made. It is unfair for the town to have no representation on the Siting Board and for this to have taken over a year to get done.

As you are aware, recently enacted changes created the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES) which completely eliminates the inclusion of local representation when approving certain

renewable energy generation projects. As more energy projects are approved, I feel that we must re-establish the Article 10 process with guaranteed ad hoc appointments to ensure local representation is not sacrificed simply for the sake of expediency.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brian D. Manktelow" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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