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Kimberly D. Bose Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street Room 1A Washington, DC 20426

FEDERAL EXERGY REQULATORY COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bose:

P-15056-000

I am writing in response to the deeply flawed proposal by Premium Energy Holdings to build a hydro-electric power plant in New York's Catskill mountains. I strongly encourage you to deny Premium Energy's request for a preliminary permit for the Ashokan pumped storage project. (P-15056-000). This project would be devastating to the environment, disruptive to local communities, and risky for the purity of NYC drinking water.

While there is no doubt that pumped storage and new hydro-electric projects will play an important role in our country's transition to renewable energy, the protected woodlands, streams, and wildlife of the Catstkill Forest Preserve must not be sacrificed.

Respectfully,

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