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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: S. 23/A.4294
In Relation to Maintaining the Continued Viability of the State’s Existing Large-Scale, Renewable Energy Resources

Enel Green Power North America supports S.23/A.4294 and urges your immediate signature. This bill would allow New York State to maintain its existing baseline of renewable electricity generators such as our more than 90 MW of total installed capacity across 19 hydropower plants and two wind projects, Fenner and Wethersfield. This support will help to save the jobs that our generator has created; encourage us to sell our renewable energy credits in New York rather than out-of-state; and help New York to achieve its very ambitious state goals at the lowest cost to ratepayers.

New York has a 70% by 2030 renewable electricity mandate established by the recently passed Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Achieving these goals will require use of the full range of renewable technologies. It will require building new renewables as well as retaining existing projects. For existing projects to remain in operation, we need adequate pricing signals as this bill sets out.

In addition, this bill would help New York get to 70% by retaining existing clean attributes in state. Currently, New York does not allow generators such as ours to participate in state procurements, but RPS programs in neighboring states do. This has created an incentive to sell NY’s existing clean energy generation to out-of-state customers, which this bill is intended to remedy. Furthermore, a recent study performed by Synapse Energy Economics shows the substantial cost savings of retaining our existing renewable generation as compared to building additional new facilities.

For the above reasons, Enel Green Power North America urges your signature on this important piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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