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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
Executive Chamber
The Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

RE: Reply to Audit Report 2012-S-159, Compliance with Executive Order 111: Agency Energy Efficiency Goals and Practices

Dear Governor Cuomo:

In accordance with Section 170 of the Executive Law, this letter provides NYSERDA's response to the Office of the State Comptroller's audit report issued October 17, 2013, *Compliance with Executive Order 111: Agency Energy Efficiency Goals and Practices* (Report 2012-S-159), a copy of which is also enclosed. We are pleased that the report found that NYSERDA had made significant efforts to provide guidance and assistance to Affected State Agencies to achieve energy reduction outcomes. However, as noted in our response to the draft audit report, we believe the report's finding that NYSERDA was deficient in its oversight and monitoring of progress towards the Executive Order's goals represents a misunderstanding of NYSERDA's role as defined in the Executive Order.

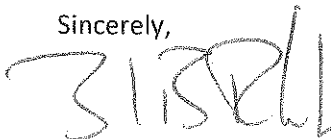
Following is management's response to the recommendation contained in the report.

Recommendation: Consistent with its responsibility to assist ASEs and the Central Management and Implementation Team in their efforts to comply with new Executive Order 88, NYSERDA should draw upon its experience administering E.O. 111, and the related issues discussed in this report, to help fulfill its role under the new Order.

Response: We concur with the recommendation. In addition, NYSERDA continues to provide feedback and lessons learned during E.O. 111 as it lends technical support and advice on E.O. 88.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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