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Mr. Wilfredo Melendez, City Manager City of New Rochelle City Hall, 515 North Avenue New Rochelle, NY

RE: Participation as a member of the Board of Ethics

Dear City Manager Melendez:

I write in response to the December 31, 2024, public notice on the City of New Rochelle website seeking community member volunteers to serve on the Board of Ethics. I believe that I could contribute to the New Rochelle community as a member of the Board of Ethics for the following reasons.

First, through my long career in fostering regulatory compliance in the environment, health and safety field, I was always charged with ensuring that the companies I worked for "did the right thing". This often required decisions that weren't the simplest or the least expensive but were intended to fulfill the letter and spirit of a wide variety of regulations and to ensure our employees and communities always received ethical treatment.

Second, as an officer (vice president) of the New York Power Authority, I was required to file financial disclosure forms with the State of New York. As such, I am familiar with filing processes and the complex nature of providing such disclosures in an open and straightforward manner. During my tenure with Con Edison (prior to my recent retirement) I was required to report any efforts to lobby agency staff on behalf of the company. I always provided detailed

documentation of interactions with such staff members in the interest of transparency and ethical behavior.

Finally, I served as a lay minister in the New Apostolic Church in the New York metropolitan area for over forty years. During those years, I was often called upon to counsel our members in their decision making, and to help them deal with complex emotional and ethical issues. My experiences in this regard could also serve as an asset to the deliberations of the Board of Ethics.

As to the logistics of serving, I am currently in a remote, part-time position with an industry organization entitled the Environmental Energy Alliance of New York and would have time to commit to this effort. Although I have been a registered Democrat since I was in college, I do not now, and never have, held a position in any Democratic party organization.

As a New Rochelle resident of over twenty years, I am anxious to contribute to the City that is my true home. I hope my application will be favorably received. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

William V. Slade

WILLIAM V. SLADE

EH&S SCIENCE & POLICY EXPERT

40+ years experience / EH&S management & policy development/ lead role in identifying emerging issues and strategy response.

Accomplished, responsible, environmental management professional currently focused on utility environmental, health and safety (EH&S) performance, climate change science and issues, and strategic responses to emerging issues. Wide-ranging role in tracking current science perspectives.

Management Skills & Responsibilities: Emerging issues management at Federal, State and City level; EH&S integration advocacy; impact assessment; budget preparation, salary management and expenditure tracking; personnel motivation, selection and evaluation; agency negotiation.

Select Employment Highlights

June 2008 - September 2024 Technical Specialist - Emerging Issues

Consolidated Edison Company of New York New York, New York

Managing emerging issues process for 150+ EH&S staff members, communicating regularly with EH&S and Corporate leadership teams; represent CECONY at a wide range of advocacy and research organizations; coordinate all input to EH&S regulatory processes. Focus on New York State policy and regulatory initiatives. Track and communicate latest scientific findings.

Nov. 2004 – June 2008 Vice President, Environment, Health & Safety

New York Power Authority White Plains, New York

Provided direction to operations as lead environment, health and safety officer for the Authority. Supervised twenty professionals with dotted line responsibilities for ten EH&S staff members at operating facilities.

-Established operating agreements on EH&S principles with all business units.

- -Initiated Emerging Issues Task Force as cooperative effort with Law and Intergovernmental Affairs Divisions.
- -Directed widescale use of intranet posting of compliance documents as tool for internal transparency.
- -Shaped Authority strategies on greenhouse gas control and sustainability.
- -Represented Authority in all aspects of EPRI environmental research efforts.

1998 - Nov. 2004

New York Power Authority

Director

White Plains, New York

Environmental Division

Overall responsibility for environmental management issues for the Authority. Supervision of sixteen professionals with expertise ranging from air quality to epidemiology to water management. Reported to Executive Vice President for Power Operations, provided advice, direction and policy to generating facilities (gas, oil, hydro, nonconventional sources) and transmission business unit. Created atmosphere of compliance and rapid response based on solid agency relationships and business acumen.

- -Established process to manage emission allowance sales
- -Developed Authority-wide Environmental Commitment Statement endorsed by the Board of Trustees
- -Implemented facility auditing program
- -Fashioned first environmental metric for variable pay
- -Environmental lead on In-City Generation Project: siting, permitting, constructing, commercial operation of eleven small power plants within NY City in less than one year.

Memberships

Electric Power Research Institute

1985-Present

Participated in deliberative and consensus building process within a utility-wide research organization leading to millions of dollars of investigations into issues fundamental to the utility industry. EPRI has driven world class research at the energy – environment interface. Participated for twenty years on the EMF Task Force. Currently supporting research in distributed generation and energy storage environmental impacts. Representing CECONY for the Environment Aspect Technical Work Group for the Low Carbon Resources Initiative

National Association for Environmental Management

1992 - Present: Member, served on Board of Directors

Education

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Bachelor of Science in Biology, Minor Political Science

State University of New York at Stony Brook
Master of Science in Environmental Engineering