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Edward A. Welz  
Executive Vice President and COO  
New York Power Authority  
123 Main Street  
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Dear Ed:

I am proud to offer my warm congratulations and profound thanks as you retire from a long, exemplary career at the New York Power Authority.

For 34 years, your leadership, skill, and tireless dedication have made you an invaluable asset to NYPA, helping to build a cleaner, smarter, and more resilient power grid for New York while meeting some of the most critical energy and environmental challenges in our state's history. Your expertise and guidance have helped immeasurably to modernize the Authority and advance our landmark Reforming the Energy Vision initiative, and your tireless efforts during our recovery from Tropical Storms Irene and Lee and Superstorm Sandy only enhanced your tremendous value to our state.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, thank you for your history of extraordinary leadership, service, and commitment, and congratulations again on your well-deserved retirement. Best wishes to you, Leanore, and your family for much future success and happiness.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo".

ANDREW M. CUOMO

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