

**Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Clinton:

Thank you for your strong stand against New York Regional Interconnect's (NYRI) request for National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) status. Your understanding that this power line would devastate the environment, local economies, property values and the futures of families living in much of Upstate New York is reassuring.

That said, I am writing to ask you to expand upon your request to the DOE. Not mentioned in your letter of July 13 to Energy Secretary Bodman is the fact that the power needs of New York State are not so urgent as to require Federal intervention.

In its overview, NYRI states, "an anticipated increase in demand for electricity, especially in the lower Hudson Valley, Long Island and New York City is ringing alarm bells...increased demand could push the state-wide system beyond acceptable standards of reliability. This might occur as early as 2008." This is a great exaggeration.

1. Long Island's energy needs are being met by the Neptune Project, which will bring underground and undersea power lines from New Jersey to Long Island, and will be operational in 2007. (It is worth noting that the NYSPSC required 5 years to conduct proper oversight and review of this project.)
2. New York Mayor Bloomberg's own Energy Policy Task Force says that New York City "will be able to meet its growing power needs for at least four years longer than originally anticipated, potentially delaying the need for new power plants until 2012."
3. Meanwhile, Westchester is selling EXCESS power from Indian Point to CANADA during peak summer months!

While I recognize that the need for power will increase in the coming years, clearly New York is not in a crisis. Therefore, we do not require the intervention of the federal government via NIETC designation for NYRI to plan for our future.

I urge you to make the above point to the Energy Secretary Bodman at the DOE this week.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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