From: Adam Fiege
To: erda.sm.scopingplan
Subject: Climate Action Council - Draft Scoping Plan Comments
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:41:52 PM

ATTENTION: This email came from an external source. Do not open attachments or click on links from unknown senders or unexpected emails.

Dear Climate Action Council Climate Action Council,

As a member of the Carpenters Local 277 and Carpenters Local 276, I am writing to express my support for including upstate New York's nuclear power facilities. These facilities are safe, reliable, and exceptionally maintained producing 44% of the state's emission-free electricity and are instrumental to achieving the state's decarbonization goals.

The upstate nuclear facilities provide thousands of jobs and millions in taxes that are critical to the upstate economy and local communities. We cannot afford to lose this reliable source of clean generation and the associated economic benefits for the upstate economy.

As documented in the plan, maintaining New York's existing nuclear power stations is the most cost-effective way to reach the state's decarbonization goals. If the upstate nuclear fleet is not relicensed for an additional 20 years, NYSERDA's analysis identifies additional costs of approximately $9.8 billion dollars to achieve the state's decarbonization goals.

The draft plan recommends the Public Service Commission (PSC) review the existing Zero-Emissions Credit (ZEC) program for potential extension beyond the current expiration in 2029. Timely action is required to ensure these assets remain operational beyond the expiration of the existing ZEC program in 2029.

The Carpenters Local 277 and Carpenters Local 276 appreciates New York state for establishing the ZEC program in 2017 and commends the Climate Action Council's work and the plan's acknowledgement of upstate nuclear's value proposition for our clean energy future. We strongly encourage the Council to formally recommend extension of the ZEC program beyond its expiration in 2029.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Adam Fiege
62 Boylston St Apt 917
Boston, MA 02116