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Dear Madam:

This letter is to express my support for the Broadwater Project, docket CP06-54. I believe that it will have a beneficial impact on the regions energy security, energy pricing and ultimately benefiting low and middle income consumers of energy, and the businesses of Long Island.

The energy market is mainly divided into natural gas and oil providers. The latest data on the Department of Energy's website indicate gas production in the Gulf of Mexico has peaked. This will result in reduced natural gas imports via pipeline to the Northeast, which will reduce competition and result in higher heating prices. A second cost of the present supply is the high cost of pipeline transportation. As a general rule of thumb it is more economic to liquefy gas than deliver via pipelines when the distance is greater than 3000km. Reducing the availability of natural gas will also cause the electric generating facilities to utilize a greater quantity of oil which will increase the level of air pollutants and based on present pricing trends for oil result in higher electric costs on Long Island, which already have the second highest rates in the nation. The completion of Broadwater will maintain a fair and competitive energy market on Long Island with lower costs for all.

I am secure in the knowledge that the facility will be located a safe distance of 9 miles from the New York shoreline. Having grown up in the shadow of the LNG facility located in Greenpoint New York I am well aware that 9 miles is a very safe distance to be from the very rare but possible accident.

The New York Metropolitan is an energy intensive area. It is only fair to the rest of the Nation that we on Long Island carry our fair share of the burden of supplying energy to this great Nation of ours. I am confident that you will intelligently balance the recreational needs of a few with the needs for heat and electric security for the many consumers and businesses in the region.

Sincerely,