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Testimony for Millennium Project
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Good afternoon, my name is Matthew Pepe; I am a resident of Nyack in Rockland County. I represent over 100 contractor members of the Building Contractors Association, located in Tarrytown, and I am here to publicly pledge our support for the Millennium Pipeline Project and the FERC certificate that supports it.

The FERC certification follows nearly half-decade of research by the most qualified professionals in their industry, in which at least 12 different routes were evaluated. Their determination was that the existing route is the only acceptable option.

This region has a critical need for clean energy projects. Governor Pataki has recognized this, and the Millennium project is consistent in many ways with his own initiatives. Many reports have stated that we could be headed towards blackouts if the situation is not improved. This project would do just that.

In addition to the capacity and safety improvements, thousands of jobs would be created for various Hudson Valley trades. These workers also live in the same areas that will be worked in. An estimated \$15 million in tax revenue will be generated annually. The positive economic impacts on the Hudson Valley are countless.

The FERC certificate has the full support of our association and the industry at large. Please allow this project to proceed. Thank you.

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