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625 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12233-1750

**Re: Referral: SQ 10-199, DEIS Scoping Document  
Cricket Valley Energy Center, LLC  
Route 22, Dover, New York**

Dear Mr. Hogan:

Our Department is in receipt of the Notice of Positive Declaration and Public Scoping submitted by your department in its capacity as lead agency for the coordinated environmental review of the Cricket Valley Energy Center proposed by Cricket Valley Energy Center, LLC. We have reviewed the draft Scoping Document based on the Positive Declaration issued by the DEC.

Cricket Valley Energy LLC has proposed construction and operation of an electric generating facility on an existing 131-acre industrial site in the Town of Dover. The proposed site is located in the immediate vicinity of an existing Consolidated Edison transmission line abutting the project site's north property line and the Iroquois Gas Transmission Company interstate natural gas pipeline also situated on the north side of the proposed site. The site is bounded to the east by NYS Route 22, and to the west by the Metro North railroad line and the Swamp River and wetland west of the railroad.

The Scoping Document has identified the potential environment impacts of the Cricket Valley Energy Center proposal. This department is satisfied that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement outlined in the Scoping Document will provide a comprehensive analysis of these issues. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Department of Environmental Conservation's coordinated environmental review of the proposed Cricket Valley Energy Center and will review materials forwarded to this department as the DEC proceeds through the SEQR process.

Sincerely,

Kealy Salomon, Commissioner  
Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development

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