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Anthony Catapano, Executive Director
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Re: Lease Agreement between Nissequogue Cogen Partners, L.P. and the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency for the Nissequogue Cogen Partners Cogeneration Facility (“Lease Agreement”)

Dear Mr. Catapano,

As the Senior Vice President for Administration of Stony Brook University (“University”), I am writing to you to express the University’s support of the application by Nissequogue Cogen Partners, L.P. (“NCP”) to extend its Lease Agreement with the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency (“SCIDA”) for its Electric and Steam Cogeneration Facility located on the Main Campus of the University (the “Facility”). The continuation of this relationship is in the public interest as it will help to secure the operational future of this important resource and the benefits it helps to provide to the University and the surrounding community.

The Facility commenced operations in 1995 to provide reliable power to the University, including Stony Brook University Hospital. For the past 25 years, except when the Facility is down for maintenance or repairs, it has provided virtually all of the University’s electricity and steam needs. Indeed, the steam is as essential to the operation of the Main Campus as electricity since the buildings rely on a central heating and cooling system that is powered largely by steam (cooling is achieved via the use of steam-driven chillers).

Another important attribute of the Facility is its capability to allow the University’s Main Campus electric system to be isolated from the Long Island Power Authority’s electric distribution system. This configuration allows the Facility to provide stable power to the Main Campus when there are problems, or outages, affecting the surrounding utility distribution system. The capabilities of the Facility inure to the benefit of the University’s students, faculty, staff, and the community, generally. For example, when Hurricane Sandy devastated Long Island in 2012, the only facilities in the area with power were those supported by the Facility. As a result, the University was able to act as a community refuge and provide safe shelter to those impacted by the storm. Moreover, Stony Brook University Hospital remained fully functional and able to

continuously offer medical assistance to members of the community who were ill and/or injured during the Hurricane.

NCP and the University are in negotiations to extend their relationship for an additional seven years. This extension will address the continued needs of the University for a reliable source of electric and thermal energy on its Main Campus. It is our understanding that NCP is seeking to extend its relationship with the SCIDA for the same term.

Since the Facility was constructed, the relationships between and among the SCIDA, NCP, and the University have provided the Facility with an exemption from real property taxes. Going forward, this exemption will provide significant and important cost savings to the University. The requested extension, which will maintain the status quo, will allow the Facility to continue to provide significant benefits to the University at a fair and reasonable cost.

The continued operation of the Facility is inextricably linked to the success of the University and the larger community. The 2,700 faculty and 15,000 employees who live in the community, as well as the thousands of other members of the community who benefit directly and indirectly from the University and its services, will all benefit from the continuation of the SCIDA relationship. Therefore, it is wholly in the public interest for the SCIDA to approve NCP's request.

Thank you for your positive consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.M. Byington', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kathleen M. Byington
Senior Vice President for Administration
Stony Brook University