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**Re: North Bergen Liberty Power Project**

Dear Mr. Deutsch,

Manhattan Community Board 4 (“MCB4”) appreciates your work to date with the Waterfront, Parks & Environment committee (the “Committee”) regarding the New York City location for the power cables you are planning to run from North Bergen, NJ to the Con Edison substation on West 49<sup>th</sup> Street (the “Substation”).

At the Committee’s recommendation, you have located the point where the cables will come on-shore at Pier 99, with staging being done in a location managed by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. This is highly preferable to your original proposed location at Pier 96, which is an active area of the Hudson River Park.

However, MCB4 is still concerned about the path of the cables from Pier 99 to the Substation. Your current plan is to run the cables under the Greenway. The disruption this will cause to the most heavily used bike path in the City is significant. We understand there are two options you are exploring to run these cables. The first option, to dig a trench at the surface level, which would be covered by metal plates when work is not being performed, raises great concerns. MCB4 much prefers the alternative method of boring underground, which will only require drilling two surface holes and boring a channel beneath the surface. However, it is our understanding that whether or not this is feasible depends upon soil studies you have not yet performed. We ask that you perform these studies and report back to the committee before you proceed any further with your planning.

Whichever method for getting the cables down the bike path is used, the cables will still need to cross Twelfth Avenue at some point to reach the Substation. We ask that you meet with MCB4’s Transportation Planning Committee before finalizing your plans to discuss how this will be

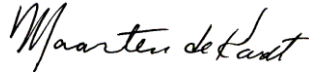
accomplished. This letter was voted on at Manhattan Community Board 4's December 5<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting with 34 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining and 0 present but not eligible to vote.

We look forward to hearing from you shortly regarding your study to determine which method will be used to run the cable.

Sincerely,



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