UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P.)	Docket Nos. CP98-150-000, <u>et a</u>
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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE COMMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 212 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("FERC") Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 C.F.R. ' 385.212 (1999)), the New York State Reliability Council ("NYSRC") hereby submits this motion for leave to file comments in the above-captioned proceeding involving the proposed Millennium Pipeline Company, L.P. ("Millennium Pipeline").

The NYSRC is concerned about the potential impact of the Millennium Pipeline, as currently proposed, on the reliability of the bulk power transmission system in New York State.

The NYSRC's comments address its reliability concerns, as well as explain why the Millennium Pipeline will pose a potential threat to the reliability of the New York State transmission grid if it is approved without a substantial modification of its proposed route.

Accordingly, the NYSRC respectfully requests that the Commission find that good cause exists to warrant the filing of this motion and the NYSRC's comments in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

NEW YORK STATE RELIABILITY COUNCIL

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person who is designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 6th day of March, 2000.

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