

WHEREAS, the Town of Claverack's 2008 comprehensive plan highlights the qualities that residents of the town care about including the rural character, historical features, scenic views, working farms and natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Claverack list the following strengths of their community: abundant and diverse wildlife habitats exist associated with streams, wetlands, wooded areas, and open areas, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Claverack opposes the applications of New York Transco, Nextera, and North America Transmission for the expansion of existing 115-kv power lines to 345-kv power lines and the accessing of additional lands by eminent domain through the town of Claverack and other localities along the line to accomplish this mission, and

WHEREAS, there are other options for expansion of power lines such as the burying of the lines instead of above ground lines and/or alternative sources of power, and

WHEREAS, a diverse group of local residents have come together to oppose the construction of additional high voltage transmission lines running through the Town of Claverack and they advocate for viable alternatives, which would minimize the negative effects to the environment, farms, historical homes, and health that would be caused by such high voltage electric transmission lines, and

WHEREAS, as the Town of Claverack request that our State-elected leaders including Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Kathy Marchione and Assemblywoman Didi Barrett and the Public Service Commission review this proposed project and ensure that the project receives the utmost scrutiny and careful consideration, including a close look at all reasonable alternatives.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town of Claverack that the Town of Claverack does hereby oppose the use of eminent domain for the current right of way and the alternating high voltage current upgrade expansion running through the Town of Claverack that would decrease forest cover and wetlands, reduce agricultural production, disturb historic homes and properties, disrupt the bucolic nature of the town, and negatively impact tourisms and urges Governor Cuomo, Senator Marchione, Assemblywoman Barrett and the Public Service Commission, to ensure that this project receives the utmost scrutiny and careful consideration, including a close look at reasonable alternatives.

Upon question of the foregoing resolution, the following Town Board Members voted "Aye" in favor of the Resolution.

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The following Town Board Members voted “No” in opposition thereto:

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The Resolution having been approved by a majority of the Town Board, the same was declared duly adopted by the Supervisor of the Town of Claverack

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Hoose, Town Clerk, Town of Claverack