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Attn.: Stephen Tomasik – Project Manager

**RE: *Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Luyster Creek Energy Project at the Astoria Generating Station
DEC ID #2-6301-00185***

Dear Mr. Tomasik,

Enclosed please find a hard copy and an electronic copy (on a compact disc) of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Luyster Creek Energy Project at the Astoria Generating Station. This DEIS has been prepared in accordance with the NYSDEC-approved Scoping Document and pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and regulations (6 NYRR Part 617).

The NYSDEC has determined that the DEIS is complete and has accepted the document for public review. This was confirmed via e-mail on June 29, 2011. This letter initiates dissemination of the DEIS to the public.

Additional hard copies and CDs are being sent simultaneously to all the parties listed on the attached Distribution List. The DEIS will also be available in the Project repositories and on the Project website.

We look forward to a comprehensive, public review of the Project and the DEIS and to attending NYSDEC's Public Hearing. The AGC team stands ready to respond to any questions, comments, and requests that may arise during the public review period.

Feel free to contact Dave Perri of AGC at (212) 792-0851 or me at (401) 330-1206 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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