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Ref: Application filed by TransGas Energy Systems LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct and operate a 1,100 megawatt generating facility in the Borough of Brooklyn, New York City.

Dear Mr. Cole:

On behalf of the Greenpoint Williamsburg Waterfront Task Force we are writing to express our sincere appreciation for you and Jennifer Hairie appearing on December 13, 2001 in Greenpoint at the process forum regarding the TransGas Energy LLC ("TransGas") proposal to construct an 1,100 megawatt power plant on the East River waterfront.

The community is obviously very concerned about this project and unified its opposition because a power plant in this location will jeopardize future residential and commercial waterfront development proposed for the area. While the process forum became heated as the community expressed its genuine and understandable frustration at having to squander its limited resources for legal counsel and experts to stop this proposal we believe Judge Lynch, DPS Staff and DEC staff handled the situation excellently.

We respectfully request DPS and DEC to hold another process forum for the Williamsburg community. As you are aware the proposed project straddles both the Williamsburg and the Greenpoint communities. These communities have distinct

interests and population. So far, TGE's Open House and TGE's Town Hall Meeting were held in Greenpoint; DPS/DEC Process Forum was also held in the Greenpoint area. In addition, a number of people could not participate in the process forum because the 400-person room filled quickly.

Apart from the public outreach program, the Task Force wants to work closely with DEC on issues related to environmental justice and environmental burdens in the area. In the past DEC has worked with the community on these matters. This will help identify some of the concerns expressed by the community on the project at this time. I will be contacting you and Jennifer to develop this proposal.

Respectfully yours,

THE TASK FORCE

By Victor M. Tafur
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