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CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm,

I write in support of the Twin States Clean Energy Link (Twin States), which is currently being considered by the United States Department of Energy's Grid Deployment Office under the Transmission Facilitation Program. As Governor, I have prioritized the thoughtful development of energy projects that will reduce costs for customers in my state and deliver new sources of generation to keep New Hampshire's economy growing.

Twin States is uniquely positioned for permitting success as a project in the region because it utilizes roadway burial and uses an existing overhead transmission corridor to deliver 1,200 megawatts of renewable energy to the New England grid. In so doing, it will also provide bi-directional capability, allowing New England's growing renewable energy sector to export energy to Canada during times of surplus, providing a vital boost to developers in my state and beyond.

In addition, Twin States is important to New Hampshire because it has the potential to solve a long-standing hurdle in our North Country by accomplishing costly system upgrades that can allow small renewable energy projects to be developed along the Coös Loop, which is an existing transmission line that serves our northernmost communities. Innovations like this will allow for continued economic growth and new opportunity in our North Country.

Twin States has also made engagement of local workforce a priority, by forming a partnership with IBEW, especially local 104, with many members in our state. In addition to providing low-cost renewable energy, this project will generate massive economic impact for our state.

Lastly, the project's developers, National Grid and Citizens Energy Corporation have made it a priority to assemble community benefits packages aimed at satisfying economic and community needs identified by local leaders and organizations. These benefits will have a lasting impact on route communities and our state as a whole.

Twin States is a thoughtfully designed project that respects New Hampshire's natural beauty, minimizing visual impacts while delivering much-needed new clean energy to our state and across New England. I enthusiastically support this project in the TFP process. If there is any additional information my office can provide, I hope you will let me know.

Sincerely,



Christopher T. Sununu
Governor