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Referral Letter MV IDA 09-24v2

October 2, 2024

Honorable City Council Members
One Roosevelt Square
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Re: Request for Request for Permission to Install the Test Borehole on Real Property
260 So. 6th Avenue – Doles Recreation Center (green space) - RESUBMISSION

Dear Honorable Council members,

This letter is resubmitted to address questions this Honorable Body asked at the Wednesday, September 25, 2024 meeting. As such, an FAQ is attached to respond to many commonly asked questions about geothermal energy and this project specifically.

This letter is submitted as a request that the City Council enact legislation that will grant permission to Consolidated Edison Company (“Con Edison”) to drill a test borehole in the green space area along the intersecting streets of So. 7th Avenue and W. 4th Street which is located on the City of Mount Vernon owned real property known as the Doles Recreation Center located at 260 So. 6th Avenue. This request aligns with Stage 2 of the project timeline – site engineering and design.

The New York State Public Service Commission (“NYS PSC”) issued PSC Order # 22-M-0429, which requires Con Edison to propose at least one thermal energy network pilot project. Con Edison has proposed three thermal energy network pilot projects to the PSC, one of which is to be in the City of Mount Vernon. Con Edison has discussed the thermal energy network (“UTEN”) project in separate meetings with Mayor Patterson-Howard, the City Council, Comptroller Morton, and has presented to the residents of the City of Mount Vernon by appearing at a June 2024 City Council meeting.

Mayor Patterson-Howard, on behalf of the City of Mount Vernon, must enter into agreement with Con Edison, including its employees, agents, contractors and representatives, granting them permission to drill, , install, operate, maintain, and conduct certain activities at the Test Borehole in the green space of the Doles Recreation Center for the benefit of the UTEN project. In the event Con Edison reasonably determines that



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the test borehole location is not suitable, and another location must be identified, Con Edison shall submit a request to the City of Mount Vernon's Department of Public Works – Office of Sustainability (Director Shayne Brooks) and the City of Mount Vernon Industrial Development Agency – Office of Business Development (Director Robin Mack) to receive permission such additional areas. Consent for use of the alternative location will be sought and received before proceeding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 914 465 2994 or rmack@mountvernonny.gov.

Very truly yours,

Robin Mack

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Director, Business Development

cc: Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor
Malcolm Clark, Chief of Staff
Brian Johnson, Corporation Counsel
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Attachments

1. Agreement – redlines by Darius Chafizadeh of Harris Beach
2. FAQs – submitted by ConEd
3. Project Approval Timeline

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