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NYSERDA

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**RE: Comments on the Draft 2026 RGGI Operating Plan Amendment in Support of Increased Funding Levels for the EmPower+ Program**

Dear NYSERDA,

Climate Families NYC appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in response to the 2026 Draft RGGI Operating Plan Amendment presented at the December 18, 2025 RGGI stakeholder meeting.

Climate Families NYC (CFNYC) is a grassroots, volunteer-led, NYC-based group of kids and caregivers fighting for an end to fossil fuels and a cleaner, greener future for all. We fight for safe and healthy homes, schools, and communities for kids and families.

EmPower+ is an essential program that helps low-and-moderate income (LMI) households make energy improvements on their primary residence, saving them money and reducing energy usage. The 2025 NY State Energy Plan finds that electrification and energy efficiency are core strategies to drive energy savings in residential buildings, keep buildings comfortable, and support the reliability of the electric grid. The Energy Plan recommends that NYS continue to offer financial incentives to reduce upfront costs and motivate New Yorkers to make energy upgrades in existing buildings. It also recommends that NYSERDA continue to prioritize financial incentives to address energy performance and housing quality for low-and moderate-income (LMI) housing and buildings in Disadvantaged Communities. CFNYC strongly supports this work to advance electrification and efficiency, thereby reducing pollution and assisting NYS families.

**CFNYC is in favor of the new funding levels proposed for the EmPower+ program in the Draft 2026 RGGI Operating Plan Amendment and respectfully recommends that the NYSERDA Board of Directors approve those funding levels at the Board meeting on January 26, 2026.**

Thank you for your consideration.

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