

8.0 EFFECTS ON THE USE AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Comment 8-1 (Letter 17, January 21, 2011, David McInerney, AICP, PS&S - City Engineering Consultant): This DEIS section includes a quantitative assessment of energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions from direct stationary sources, in accordance with the NYSDEC *Guide for Assessing Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in an Environmental Impact Statement* (July 15, 2009). Indirect GHG emissions and energy conservation measures are described qualitatively, which is consistent with the Scoping Document (Section VIII). The second reference to the NYSDEC guidance document incorrectly calls it a “draft” guide (page 8-4, first paragraph under Greenhouse Gas Emissions).

Response 8-1: *Comment noted. The NYSDEC Guide for Assessing Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in an Environmental Impact Statement (July 15, 2009), is not a draft and is the final version.*

Comment 8-2 (Letter 17, January 21, 2011, David McInerney, AICP, PS&S - City Engineering Consultant): The Scoping Document specifies that the level of LEED certification sought should be described. The DEIS section indicates that the level of LEED certification has not yet been determined, but will be determined based on final architectural, mechanical and material project plans.

Response 8-2: *The applicant may pursue LEED certification at a later date. However, LEED certification is not proposed as part of the special use permit application.*