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Nya:wëh Sgë:nö,

On behalf of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation, Council of Chiefs, I'd like to extend greetings to you and your associates and give thanks that all are enjoying good health.

The Nation has learned that GCEDC intends to review and approve a SEQR Resolution with broad implications for the Nation and its people. The Nation urges GCEDC to withhold action on this proposed Resolution until the Nation reviews it and provides input to GCEDC. We have heard many times from GCEDC staff of its intent to be a "good neighbor" to the Nation. Allowing the Nation to review and consult with GCEDC on the proposed Resolution would be consistent with this. The Nation will provide comments by Friday, July 22.

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On behalf of the Council of Chiefs  
TSN Office Administrator  
Tonawanda Seneca Nation

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