



Reliable power crucial to people, business

"Powering up for the future" (July 2) highlights how important energy infrastructure is to growth and development in New York. Reliable power is not only important to the computer chip factory that Global Foundries Inc. plans for Saratoga County, but vital for all businesses to succeed and create new job opportunities.

New York has prided itself on bringing innovative technology companies into the state, and many state leaders have come to recognize the tax, growth and job benefits such industries generate. These industries often pull employees directly from New York colleges, which helps keep New York's brightest in the state.

It is great to see businesses, communities and utilities working together to improve energy infrastructure and encourage growth. More of New York should follow this example.

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