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HALSEY VALLEY ROAD ELEVATION PROJECT TOWN OF TIOGA, NY

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STATE OF NEW YORK)

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1. I am over the age of eighteen years.
2. On April 22nd, 2016 I mailed true and correct copies of the annexed Lead letter
And attachment Dated April 22nd, 2016, by placing the same in first class post-paid
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White Plains, New York 10601.


Nancy L. Green

Sworn to before me this
22nd day of April, 2016

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