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James V. McDonald M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner
New York State Department of Health
Corning Tower
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

Re: NYSIG 3013-020-2023

Dear Commissioner McDonald:

In September 2023, the Offices of the New York State Inspector General received an anonymous complaint regarding ██████████ an employee at the New York Power Authority (NYPA). Specifically, the complaint alleged ██████████ submitted timesheets showing she had worked as a home health aide for ██████████ Home Care,¹ a home care services agency licensed with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), that reflected work done on days she ostensibly worked at NYPA.

A review of timesheets for ██████████ employment at NYPA, however, reflected three dates in August 2023 when she was present working for NYPA during hours she also claimed to be working for ██████████ Home Care. Additionally, on three other dates in that same month, ██████████ worked overnight shifts on a day that she claimed to be working as a home health aide during the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. hours, thereby avoiding a time conflict but ostensibly indicating that she effectively worked almost 24 straight hours. On other dates, ██████████ NYPA timesheets show she was off from NYPA on days she allegedly worked as a home health aide.

As the Inspector General's investigation found no indication that ██████████ misrepresented the hours she worked at NYPA, any misrepresentations made by ██████████ on her timesheets would have been made against ██████████ Home Care. Because DOH is the agency tasked with overseeing home care services agencies, I am referring this matter to DOH for any action it deems appropriate regarding ██████████ and ██████████ Home Care including ensuring that ██████████ and ██████████ Home Care are providing the services they purport to provide.

¹ DOH License Number ██████████.

Please advise this office of any action taken by DOH in response to this referral within 45 days of the date of this letter. If you require further information, please contact Chief Deputy Inspector General Michele Bayer at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucy Lang".

Lucy Lang
Inspector General

cc: Kathy S. Marks, Esq.
General Counsel