

## Section II.

I receive government assistance.

- I receive Public Assistance (PA).  
My case number is: \_\_\_\_\_

- I receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).  
Note: SSI benefits are not the same as Social Security retirements benefits. My Social Security number is: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section III.

Please send:

- Enlarged Bills       Braille Bills

Please send me more information about:

- Balanced Billing       DirectPay Program  
 Online Services       Household Assistance Rate  
 Please enroll me in the **Friendly Follow-Up Program**

### To Be Completed by "Caregiver"

Please let me know if this customer's bill is overdue or if the service might be turned off. As "Caregiver" I understand that I am not responsible for payment of the bill.

Caregiver/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.# Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Caregiver Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Reconnections** – In the event your service has been shut off, we will reconnect it within 24 hours once you have either paid the amount due or made a payment agreement. We will also reconnect service if you face a serious health or safety threat, we receive a notice of payment from a social service agency, or if we determine, within our discretion, that it would be appropriate to do so. There is a charge to turn your service back on during normal business hours and after 5 p.m.

If we do not reconnect your service within 24 hours of meeting the above conditions – except when it is beyond our control—we will pay you a fee for each additional day you are without service.

**Deposits** – We usually don't ask new residential customers to pay a deposit when opening an account unless you're a short-term or seasonal customer, or you have an overdue amount on a previous LIPA account. Existing customers may be asked to pay a deposit if an account is delinquent or had been disconnected for non-payment during the last six months. Deposits will earn interest at a rate set by the Long Island Power Authority. We will hold the deposit for one year. If your payments are not delinquent during that year, we will refund your deposit plus interest.

**Multiple Dwellings** – If you are a residential building tenant, you are not obligated to pay for electric service for any area outside your own dwelling unit. For more information about Shared Meter conditions, please call 1-800-490-0025.

If you live in a building with three or more apartments where your landlord fails to pay the electric bill for which he or she is responsible, you may be able to keep the service on if you join with the other tenants to pay the bill. The tenants only have to pay the current bill and you can, by law, deduct your share from your rent.

**If you have any questions concerning your rights as a LIPA customer, please call us toll-free at 1-800-490-0025.**

**Important information - keep for your records.**



As a residential customer of an electric utility, you have certain rights assured under the Home Energy Fair Practices Act (HEFPA). This is an overview of those rights and LIPA's policies and procedures. For more information on your rights as a residential customer, please see LIPA's Tariff for Electric Service, located on our Web site, [www.lipower.org](http://www.lipower.org); you will be able to view current rate information as well.

Our representatives are available to assist you from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday through Friday at **1-800-490-0025 (631-755-6000** – outside Metro NY area). If you have an **electric emergency**, please call us at any time of the day or night at **1-800-490-0075**. Hearing or speech-impaired customers can use our special TDD communication system at **631-755-6660**. If you would like to contact us by mail, write to:

**Long Island Power Authority**  
PO Box 9083  
Melville, NY 11747

Your satisfaction is important to us, therefore, if after speaking with one of our representatives, you believe your question has not been answered, please ask to speak with a supervisor. However, if after speaking with a supervisor you are still not satisfied, please call us at **1-877-ASK-LIPA (1-877-275-5472)** from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.



**Billing and Payment** – Our bills show the amount of electricity you use. You'll receive a bill monthly or every two months depending upon the type of service you have. Our optional Balanced Billing program divides your electric cost into convenient, level monthly payments. Payments are due 23 days after each bill is issued. LIPA bills can be paid by mail, in person at our Customer Service Centers, by phone using our automated payment service or online at [www.lipower.org](http://www.lipower.org). With our free DirectPay program you can have your bills paid automatically from your bank account 20 days after your bill date. A late payment charge of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per monthly billing period will be applied if payment is not received by the "Pay by" date on the bill.

**Meter Reading** – We read your meter because it measures and records the actual amount of electricity you use, which enables us to send you an accurate bill. Making sure your electric bills are accurate and correct is important to LIPA and to you, which is why we make every attempt to read your meter regularly. If we are unable to gain access to read your meter for three consecutive billing cycles we will put a message on your bill asking for you to provide a reading or to make a special appointment for us to do it. However, if your meter has not been read for eight months, you or your building owner may be subject to a \$25 (plus tax) charge on the following bill.

**Payment Agreements** – If you are having difficulty paying your bill, please contact us by phone or in person in order to make a payment agreement. We can work with you to determine the length of the agreement and the amount of each monthly payment. If you can show financial need, you may not have to make a down payment on monies owed and installment payments may be as low as \$10 per month. We will make every effort to help you find a way to pay your bill. Our Consumer Advocates may be able to help you get assistance from other sources. If you heat your home with electric, we will not shut off your service between November 1 and April 15 without first trying to contact you or another adult in your household. If loss of service poses a serious health or safety problem, we will continue service for at least 15 days and try to arrange a payment agreement.

**Special Protections** – LIPA will not disconnect service during a health or safety emergency. When we become aware of such an emergency we will work with you to make a satisfactory payment arrangement and notify local social services, if appropriate. You will still be responsible for paying your bill but you will receive special protection in the following cases:

**Medical Hardship** - If you or a member of your household is faced with a medical emergency, we will continue emergency service for 30 days if you provide a medical certificate from your doctor or local Board of Health. This can be renewed if your doctor or the Board of Health explains in writing how a loss of service would aggravate the condition. We will also require financial information that proves an inability to pay your charges. You must make reasonable efforts to pay.

**Life-Support Equipment** - If you or a member of your household requires electrically operated life-sustaining equipment, we will continue service provided we receive medical certification from a doctor or local Board of Health. The medical certificate will remain in effect as long as the life-sustaining equipment is required. Each year we will request that you provide written verification from a medical professional that this equipment is still in use.

**If you are Hospitalized** - If you or a member of your immediate family is hospitalized you may receive a 30-day extension.

While we are working with you to develop a payment agreement, we will not shut off service and we can refer you to sources of financial assistance. Special protections may be available if you and all those living with you are age 62 or over, age 18 or younger, blind or disabled. To ensure that you receive all the protections you are eligible for, please contact a company representative and identify yourself. LIPA services also include the Friendly Follow-Up program, which can help prevent an electric shut-off by designating a "Caregiver" as an additional contact to receive duplicate copies of past due notices. For more information please complete and return the form included in this brochure or visit our Web site at [www.lipower.org](http://www.lipower.org).

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## Special Protections Request Form

Please complete this form if you believe you qualify for any special protections described in the brochure.  
Please return this form to the address below.

### ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Be sure to complete the applicable section(s) before mailing

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. # Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number - as shown on bill:  
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### Section I.

I would like to be considered for Special Protections. In my household (Check):

- All members are 62 years of age or over, and/or under age 18.
- All members are blind (legally or medically)
- All members have a permanent disability
- I have/a resident of my house has a Medical or Life Support Hardship (Type):  
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WE'RE WORKING FOR YOU.  
PO Box 9083, Melville, NY 11747

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