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Agenda Topic

Public Power for Long Island

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To the LIPA Board. I'm a resident of Mastic Beach and I support the statement submitted by Long Island Progressive Coalition copied below:

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Long Island Progressive Coalition

Agenda Topic

Public Power for Long Island

Comment

On behalf of the Long Island Progressive Coalition, I am attaching a statement for submission for the next meeting of the LIPA Board of Trustees on December 16th that has been signed by 20 Long Island organizations with a call to Reimagine the Long Island Power Authority.

If you have an attachment, please upload it here.

Reimagine-LIPA -Municipalization-Statement.pdf

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Signed:

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Food and Water Watch

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LIPA's future

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I would like to commend the Board on its decision to pursue legal action against PSEG. In taking this action LIPA makes it clear that the source of the service failures this past summer was a company that put its interests first, leaving Long Islanders to suffer the consequences. As has been highlighted in the fact finding, PSEG clearly failed its ratepayers. LIPA has been left to pick up the pieces and find a way forward.

As we consider the way forward, maintaining and strengthening public power on Long Island will be crucial. We may argue over whether or not a different structure for LIPA (an elected board, for example) would better serve us in the years ahead, but I hope that there is unanimity on the current Board that ratepayers need a utility that puts them first. We do not want, need or can afford, a utility that puts its investors, shareholders and managers first.

Moreover, as we move to implement the path-breaking Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), ratepayers cannot allow private interests to take precedence. As long-time ratepayers know too well, LILCO, the privately owned and investor-first utility, brought ratepayers Shoreham and the debt that cripples us to this day. Isn't the investor-first PSEG fiasco enough of a reminder of what profit seeking utilities do to their ratepayers? How many times must we learn the same lesson?

Ratepayers and residents concerned with affordable and carbon free electricity need a strong LIPA. We need a LIPA which moves full steam ahead to fulfill its obligations to the public. We need a LIPA that seeks to reap the benefits of non-profit electric power. We need a LIPA that sees its future in teaming up with NYPA to pursue nonprofit solar, wind and storage projects. We need a LIPA that exemplifies the best of public power. Ratepayers deserve nothing less.

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Public Power for Long Island

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As a property owner who had solar panels installed this year, I know first hand that this investment is expensive even after federal and NYS rebates. I still must pay about \$12.00 per month just to be connected to the grid, which is entirely too expense. LIPA should do what it can to encourage distributed solar panel installations by homeowners, and reducing this monthly grid connection fee would be an important step in this direction, particularly given the fact that federal rebates will continue be reduced each year moving forward.

PSEG will not consider lowering this grid connection fee for solar panel homeowners, which is just one more reason why we need fair public power for LI. Public Power for LI would take into consideration the clean air environmental service that homeowners

who install solar panels provide for society at large. Reduce our monthly grid connections fee!

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Food & Water Watch

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Future of LIPA

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Statement of Eric Weltman, Food & Water Watch Long Island Power Authority December 16, 2020

My name is Eric Weltman, and I'm a New York-based organizer with Food & Water Watch, a nonprofit environmental organization.

We strongly oppose corporate control of Long Island's energy system, and call on the LIPA board to reject privatization.

We support the creation of a democratic decision-making structure that is genuinely accountable to the interests and needs of the people who rely on the system as well as the workers who run it.

It is time for the Cuomo administration, and for the LIPA board, to embrace public power as the most effective means of achieving the goals of reliable service, affordable energy, and fulfilling our commitment to transition off fossil fuels.

Long Island has already suffered immensely from the destructive impact and aftermath of superstorms – and the threat of climate change only grows worse. We cannot afford to trust our fate to PSEG. We need accountability, we need democratic governance and control, we need public power.

We stand with the Long Island Progressive Coalition and all of our allies in calling for an inclusive process for determining the path forward for LIPA, including how to maximize oversight, responsiveness, and accountability – a process that includes public hearings, town halls and other forms of community engagement.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eric Weltman
Senior Organizer
Food & Water Watch

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To the LIPA Board. I'm a resident of Kings Park, New York, and member of Long Island Progressive Coalition. As a life long resident of Long Island, I support the statement submitted by my organization and several other prominent organizations earlier today.

It is time to end the charade of the Public/Private partnership that was foisted upon the Long Island community as a result of the disastrous bail-out of LILCO. At that time,

New York state decided reward LILCO for its complete mismanagement in constructing the Shoreham plant and to favor the investors of LILCO over the hardworking citizens and ratepayers of Long Island. We continue to bear this burden decades later, and we have suffered from high electric rates and abysmal service as result.

Now, we are stuck with PSEG-LI, a New Jersey based company with no ties and apparently no affection for Long Island. To say that PSEG-LI has been ineffective is to be charitable. A worse managed private entity is would be hard to imagine had I not had the misfortune to witness the performance of LILCO during my lifetime. The comparison is apt—the sustained power outages from Tropical Storm Isaias brought to mind similar outages during Hurricane Gloria with LILCO at the helm. The ratepayers have received horrible service in exchange for paying among the highest electric rates in the country and likely among the highest in the world.

So we've tried a private utility. We've tried a public/private partnership. Both have failed tremendously and people have suffered as a result. It's time to bring the power to the people, pun obviously intended. We as ratepayers and citizens of New York demand a modern approach to power. We deserve transparency and accountability which can only be accomplished through the municipalization of our electric utility.

To this date we still are paying for the LILCO's malfeasance and refusal to listen to its customers. With that debt still being paid, there quite frankly is no room for private profit in our utility rates. Your own studies have shown that the only means of significantly saving the ratepayers money is to cancel the PSEG contract and let the state take over. The efficiencies of doing so can not be debated in good faith.

Additionally, New York state's landmark Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act will require our electric company to be nimble and transparent in making the changes necessary to reduce and ultimately eliminate its carbon footprint. The survival of our planet as we know it demands that the goals of this statute be accomplished. We can not afford for our power grid to be managed but a private entity whose incentive is to maintain the status quo for as long as they can. For this reason, as

much as any of the foregoing reasons, we must have a publicly run electric provider to replace PSEG, and must have it as soon as possible.

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Long Island Progressive Coalition Citizen Action on Long Island

Lisa Tyson, Long Island Progressive Coalition Director Testimony for LIPA 12/16/20 meeting

The Long Island Progressive Coalition fights for structural change at the local, state, and national levels to attain racial justice, build community wealth, and realize a just transition to a 100% renewable energy future.

After reviewing the Adoptions Analysis of LIPA Assets we strongly recommend that LIPA ends its contract with PSEG and moves to become a fully publicly owned and managed utility. The report clearly states:

- Savings of \$65 to \$75 million per year compared to PSEG Long Island contract. Municipal Management Is Financially Feasible and an Attractive Alternative to the Single-Source Service Provider Model. This savings can be used for storm hardening, investing in clean energy production, and lowering rates.
- Publicly-owned utilities and co-ops nationwide fare as well or better than private sector utilities in the measures customers care about – customer satisfaction and reliability. They also tend to be leaders in clean energy.

Across the country, 2,000 public power utilities serve almost 15% of Americans, offering 13% cheaper rates and 46% shorter outage times than private utilities. Lets go public in all senses of the term: ownership, management, and operations. To properly represent the public, LIPA's board must include better representation of critical local stakeholders, from resilience experts to community and environmental advocates. Planning and operations must be informed by robust public participation processes and partnerships with universities and local organizations.

Long Island is at a crossroads in our energy system. Now is the time for us to put the people in the driving seat rather than shareholders. This is not the 1950's anymore. Running an energy system today is more complicated than ever before. Storms have been increasing in frequency and destruction, as anyone who remembers Sandy or Isaias can attest.

Today we are having major snowstorm. We are horrified that PSEG is not prepared. We are in a pandemic, a health crisis. We should have full confidence in our energy system. We don't. Lets go public!

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Long Island Activists

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Agenda Topic

Regarding ending the PSEG LI contract

Comment

I am in full support of the call to end LIPA's contract with PSEG LI and to municipalize our power. The evidence is available and it clearly shows that publicly owned utilities are more affordable and are more attentive to residents' needs. We've been failed time and time again buy PSEG, the time to municipalize is now.

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