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All Our Energy

Agenda Topic

Public power for LIPA

Comment

My name is George Povall , Executive Director of All Our Energy, a Long-Island-based nonprofit environmental organization.

We support the LIPA board fully exploring and moving to a publicly owned, managed, and responsive municipal utility model, which would better serve ratepayers and reliability as it does virtually everywhere that uses this model. Privatization of any kind should be completely off the table- we've seen where that leads this month with the generation failures across the state of Texas, and right here, where the "private" part of the "public-private" PSEG LI partnership that we have continues to fail to live up to any greater success, often costs more, is less responsive, and is oftentimes a barrier to moving LIPA forward to more clean energy.

We call on LIPA to move on from PSEG LI and fully municipalize. The transformation should heavily include the public to discuss and decide the future of our public power structure inclusively and openly, and engage all stakeholder communities in the process for maximum public ownership and oversight, to bring in a new era for Long Island power generation and delivery.

We believe the Board of Trustees and the Governor have a huge opportunity to continue their forward-thinking stance on energy, and should seize this moment to continue their movement to a more reliable, affordable, accountable, and clean energy system for Long Island.

Public power really is All Our Energy. Together we can make it so.

Thank You,

George Povall
Executive Director
All Our Energy

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Agenda Topic

Publically owned controlled and managed power on Long Island

Comment

I am a retired chemist who has lived on Long Island all her life. I fully support a publically owned and managed power supply on Long Island.

We have all seen the lack of transparency and the shoddy administration of PSEG.

This should not go on. We pay some of the highest electrical rates in the country and can go for many days without power when a storm hasn't even been that severe.

The power must be out for 72 hours or we cannot be reimbursed for food and medications that have to be thrown out. The USDA says that after four hours without refrigeration many items will be unsafe to eat and must be discarded.

We need a power authority that will react quickly and one that is properly administered. One that thinks of the customer first and not the profit to shareholders. This is an imperative.

With the electrical grid crisis in Texas and other states it is all the more important to have oversight and accountability for essential services.

Thank you for your time.

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Name

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Agenda Topic

PSEG Long Island Utility 2.0 Update

Comment

This year the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) is reviewing the PSEG Long Island (PSEG LI) 2020 Utility 2.0 Plan update submitted to the Department of Public Service on June 30, 2020.

As the municipal entity that owns the electric transmission and distribution system serving Long Island, LIPA must ensure this plan complies with the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) signed into law in July 2019. This is imperative whether PSEG LI remains the electric utility or LIPA fully municipalizes.

This law calls for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the increase in renewable sources and the conservation of 185 trillion British thermal units (TBTUs) of annual end-use energy use. Energy Efficiency and Demand Response (EEDR) plans alone cannot achieve these goals. Only a wholesale transition to electrification of the transportation and building sectors, coupled with a fully renewable energy generated electric grid, will.

It is beneficial both to LIPA and PSEG LI, as the electric utility—as well as Long Islanders and their environment—to focus on this drive to electrification, which is being embraced by municipalities as the alternative to burning fossil fuels for space and water heating and for cooking.

Advocate for Beneficial Electrification

We know it is necessary to decarbonize rapidly because of the climate crisis. New gas installations put in place today will endure for 20 or 25 years, emitting carbon dioxide (CO₂) onsite and methane (86 times the 20-year global warming potential of CO₂) from the fracking well site to the end user.

Long Islanders need to be aware that switching from heating oil to gas will slow decarbonization. As part of the new Utility 2.0 Plan, PSEG LI (or LIPA) needs to be investing in a series of public service announcements about beneficial electrification and the incentives to convert from fossil fuels to all-electric appliances. This is especially important in frontline, LMI and POC communities that are most vulnerable to air pollution (from gas power plants and compressor stations) and climate change impacts. The CLCPA requires 35% of funding to be invested in these locations.

It should endorse energy efficiency, weatherization and renewable heating with heat pumps like the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) HeatSmart program.

HeatSmart

NYSERDA's Clean Heating and Cooling Programs (also known as HeatSmart) provide a model that LIPA should replicate on Long Island. Alternatively, LIPA should consider contributing to the Systems Benefit Charge and thus be included in already existing--and successful--NYSERDA programs. Municipalities and nonprofit organizations administer these programs and provide outreach, referrals and other support for residents to make their homes energy efficient and replace their fossil fuel heating with heat pumps. Long Islanders are not eligible for NYSEDA programs, but LIPA/PSEG has funds to fill this gap and institute a HeatSmart-like program.

It would also help speed the electrification process if PSEG LI (or LIPA) provided higher rebates to early adopters of heat pumps for both space and water heating. There should be a sliding scale so that low-income households receive higher rebates and could participate more easily. The cost of larger rebates would be offset by the greater consumption of electricity.

Gas Sunsetting

In terms of promoting electrification, LIPA itself should start advocating for municipalities to adopt NYStretch codes to promote building envelope upgrades and electrification and by banning new gas installations after a certain date, first in new construction and major renovations and shortly after for retrofits when space and water heating systems need replacing. Higher rebates could be tied to retiring fossil fuel heating systems before they reach their expected end of life.

Many municipalities, including over 40 cities and towns in the State of California, have instituted sunset dates for gas, setting a precedent as well as providing suggestions and approaches on how Long Island communities can do this.

GeoMicroDistricts

In addition, LIPA should consider promoting “GeoMicroDistricts”, a concept promoted by the Home Energy Efficiency Team (HEET). HEET is a Massachusetts nonprofit seeking the best and most cost-effective heating solutions that also cut greenhouse gas emissions. The feasibility study by BuroHappold Engineering they commissioned has shown the shared loop system of a GeoMicroDistrict may be the least expensive and most climate-friendly for new developments. This is particularly true of large ones that contain a mix of residential and commercial space and/or do not have nearby gas mains.

National Grid’s own “residential geothermal energy demonstration program in Riverhead, N.Y., has been so successful, that the utility is looking to expand its program.”

Furthermore, LIPA should encourage municipalities to own these GeoMicroDistricts. This would provide a revenue stream that could even counteract the negative impacts of the loss of tax revenue due to the decommissioning of conventional fossil fuel power plants.

It is important to point out that as wind power grows and greens the LI grid, heat pumps systems automatically green with it, making them great investments. In addition, using geothermal sources of heat, when compared with air sourced ones, will avoid creating a winter peak even higher than the current summer one.)

And finally, LIPA might also benefit from learning about other clean and green technologies, besides wind and solar, that could provide baseload capacity. They are out there, just looking for opportunities for pilot programs to determine feasibility and scalability.

Please consider these suggestions carefully and implement them at your earliest convenience.

Additional reading:

- HEET – First State Law Could Shift Gas Companies towards Renewable Energy
- Massachusetts Pilot Project Offers Gas Utilities a Possible Path to Survival
- Municipal Natural Gas Bans - Round 1 by Amy Turner
- Municipal Natural Gas Bans - Round 2 the evolution of State preemption law. by Amy Turner
- Battle reignites over first East Coast gas bans by David Iaconangelo, E&E News reporter
- 2020 Nevada State Climate Strategy and Transition from residential and commercial use of natural gas.

PS: Some may say “natural gas is a ‘bridge fuel,’” but we’ve already crossed that bridge. Others will recommend “renewable natural gas,” but

this "green natural gas" supply is woefully inadequate to fill in for fracked gas and is best used near the site of origin (i.e. cows and sewage treatment plants). Still others will suggest "green hydrogen," but the supply is minimal right now and has better uses, when available, than running a clothes dryer or water heater.

Greta Thunberg says "Our house is on fire...and on climate change...we have failed..."

I say, "There's a baby drowning in the bathwater and everyone is quibbling over how hot the water is!"

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Elizabeth Marinelli

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LIPA customer and LI citizen

Agenda Topic

Municipalization of LIPA

Comment

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Agenda Topic

Public Power for Long Island

Comment

My name is Georgianna Dolan-Reilly, a resident of Setauket, and a Long Island utility ratepayer.

Years of public-private partnerships under LIPA have removed us further from the root of our needs: an energy system in service of people, not profits. On good days, we pay outrageous rates for inadequate service. On bad days, we wait in the dark unable to get clear answers on when service will return. On all days, we maintain reliance on climate-wrecking fossil fuels that put our region at risk of further catastrophe.

Our utility consistently fails us, no more apparent than during last summer's Tropical Storm Isaias which proved PSEG LI incapable of responding to the challenge of providing and maintaining the resilient electric grid that Long Islanders need. While my power was out for only two days and I did not lose any food, neighbors on the other side of the street were without power for days and one end of the street was blocked by a large downed tree over wires for nearly two weeks. With the expensive cost of living on Long Island to begin with being prepared with a generator or being able to live near a location that gets restored quick is often linked to socioeconomic status, and we can do better than leaving people in the dark.

We must fully commit to a new paradigm of energy management on Long Island and oppose any efforts to further privatize our energy services.

Across the country, publicly owned utilities have proven more affordable and reliable for residential customers. They are more responsive to customer needs, yielding better customer satisfaction. Their shorter outage times safeguard households' food and medicine and improve the productivity of small businesses. With a proper process in place, we can reimagine, reinvent, and restructure LIPA so that it is led by those most impacted by decisions concerning our energy system. We can ensure that those who use, pay for, and work for the system have a say in how it runs.

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Best wishes,

Georgianna Dolan-Reilly, LMSW
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Agenda Topic

Public Power for Long Island

Comment

We urge ending LIPA's contract with PSEG-LI. We support a fully publicly owned, controlled and managed power authority for Long Island. It's high time that we take this bold step for our families, for our future, for our diverse ecosystems.

We believe an authentic public power authority provides our best opportunity for moving off fossil fuels to renewable energy. We are particularly exciting about the prospect of building out small and medium size solar installations in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

The Long Island Solar Roadmap (<http://solarroadmap.org/>) is an idea whose time has come. Each location is low impact on land use and does not harm habitat. There will be a fully developed website about this report online starting next month. This roadmap is a dream that has its best chance of being implemented if we have a fully public power authority. Certainly, the advancement of net metering would negatively impact PSEG's bottom line, and the company would resist significant solar buildout.

A plethora of evidence from states throughout our union points to the

following: private utilities are stagnant, uneconomical, and harmful to human health and the environment. It's time to move on to bigger and better things. It's time for a clean energy future, Long Island!

Thank you for your consideration,

Guy Jacob
Conservation Chair
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club

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Agenda Topic

LIPA as a public utility

Comment

As a PSE & G Long Island customer, I have not been satisfied with their rates or with their service. I would like to see us make LIPA into a public utility where we can control the decisions, the rates, and new infrastructure supporting renewables as well as underground electric lines. We also will make sure that workers from New York and Long Island get a fair shake and the protections they need. Everything should be sustainable with proper oversight.No huge salaries should be paid to anyone involved.

Profits for new infrastructure or repairs when needed.

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Agenda Topic

LIPA Municipalization

Comment

After attending in the recent LIPA Reimagined Forum, where I noted that several of the LIPA trustees were also in attendance, the solution to the ongoing PSEG-LI problem is clear. LIPA must terminate the PSEG contract and immediately stop all ongoing negotiations with them for a new contract.

\$80 million dollars for 18 managers? I couldn't believe my ears when Professor Michael Menser brought up this outrageous arrangement. Were that the only cost savings that would result from terminating the contract it would be enough. But your own study has demonstrated the annual cost savings would be even greater- \$65 - \$75 million annually will be saved if LIPA fully commits to full municipalization. That's money we will need to meet the mandates of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and the soon to be passed Climate and Community Investment Act, not to mention resiliency measures to protect Long Island from ever more frequent and violent storms. Additionally, PSEG has lied and obfuscated time and time again, and in watching your trustee meetings, it appears they are no closer to truly solving the problems that made their response to Tropical Storm Isaias dangerously inadequate. As an attorney, I tell my clients the contracts are only as good as the people who sign them. PSEG-LI cannot be trusted as contract partners no matter what the contract provides.

After the failures LILCO, National Grid, and now PSEG-LI, it is abundantly clear that we cannot afford the involvement of yet another private company in our electric supply. The costs and the stakes are too high as has been shown by the recent power outages in Texas. LIPA must fully municipalize.

Experiences in other states have show the public power is cheaper, more innovative, and provides better service. Additionally, the community must also be provided a means to participate in oversight and management. Gone are the days of blind trust with little accountability and profiteering and mis-management behind closed doors.

Our times demand that the antiquated public/private partnership be discarded and replaced by full municipalization of our electric service with community oversight. Embrace the future and bring public power to the people.

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Agenda Topic

Public Power for Long Island

Comment

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Shameika Hanson

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The Long Island Progressive Coalition

Agenda Topic

Public Power for Long Island

Comment

My name is Shameika Hanson a resident of Huntington Station and a Long Island utility ratepayer.

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During Hurricane Sandy, we were without power for weeks and sought shelter with family friends. Prior to their generous offer to open their homes however we slept in a heatless, powerless home. We lost hundreds of dollars in food that went bad due to the outages and upon finally being able to call LIPA we were given no sense of certainty when help would come. Years later we are in no better position which was proved during Topical Storm Isaias.

We must fully commit to a new paradigm of energy management on Long Island and oppose any efforts to further privatize our energy services.

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Agenda Topic

Public Power for Long Island

Comment

To the LIPA Board of Trustees,

On behalf of the Long Island Progressive Coalition, I am including a copy of the presentation given at the forum held last night called "LIPA Reimagined: Building the Utility LI Deserves" and a video recording of the event. The forum, put together by signatories of the Reimagine LIPA statement (attached) went over the history of the utility, the benefits of public power, and offered concrete proposals for more participatory structures of governance for the utility.

We were joined by some LIPA Board of Trustees, LIPA staff, LI elected officials, solar industry groups, business groups, and grassroots supporters. In total we had 265 registrations with 145 attendees on the call.

The forum was held as a part of our continued efforts to realize a fully publicly owned, controlled, and managed power authority. It comes in response to ongoing revelations about PSEG Long Island's failures in dealing with Tropical Storm Isaias. We continue this call in order to establish new standards for accountability, equity, resilience, and democracy in our energy system.

We request that this statement be distributed as soon as it is received.

Presentation Link:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1JBiRrLGsTNeClfQGysLj2RrKPVISA-inNavrrnMvfJE/edit?ts=6033f7eb#slide=id.p1>

Video Link: https://youtu.be/_uomzt-eog8

Sincerely,

Ryan Madden

Sustainability Organizer

Long Island Progressive Coalition

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To the LIPA Board of Trustees,

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Almost 35 years ago, New York State established LIPA to replace the Long Island Lighting Company (LILCO) to address private utilities' failure to provide adequate services. However, years of public-private partnerships have removed us further from the root of our needs: an energy system in service of people, not profits. On good days, we pay outrageous rates for inadequate service. On bad days, we wait in the dark unable to get clear answers on when service will return. On all days, we maintain reliance on climate-wrecking fossil fuels that put our region at risk of further catastrophe.

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With a proper process in place, we can reimagine, reinvent, and restructure LIPA so that it is led by those most impacted by decisions concerning our energy system: ratepayers, workers, municipalities, community organizations, low-income households, and environmental justice communities. We can ensure that those who use, pay for, and work for the system have a say in how it runs. This is a choice we can make together as Long Island to prevent further encroachment of our energy commons by the forces of privatization. After a past riddled with mismanagement and failure after failure for Long Island communities, now is our moment to

reimagine LIPA, end corporate control and abuse of our energy systems, and realize the benefits of public power and full municipalization: real accountability, reliable service, affordable power, and a commitment to our transition off harmful fossil fuels.

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Signed:

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Suffolk County Democratic Socialists of America
New York Communities for Change
Food & Water Action
Warriors of the Sunrise
Cooperation Long Island
Green Party of Nassau County
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Reimagine LIPA: Municipalization Statement Support

Comment

This comment is to show Sierra Clubs support of the Reimagine LIPA: Municipalization Statement that has been signed by organizations throughout the region.

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Reimagine LIPA: Municipalization Statement

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