March 29, 2021

Board Meeting

Public Comments

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 To:
 FW: Reducing electrical rates

 Cc:
 Monday, March 15, 20 21 10:29:49 AM

 Subject:
 Date:

-----Original Message-----From: linda balarezo <> Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:20 PM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org> Subject: Reducing electrical rates

I, like many seniors on a fixed income hope you will do the right thing by taking any steps that will reduce our electrical rates. The pandemic has put even more strain on everyone's budget. We all need to see light at the end of the tunnel.

Thanking you all in advance for looking out after all your Long Islanders.

Sincerely,

Linda Balarezo

Sent from my iPad

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From:	
To:	FW: Public Power for LIPA
Cc:	Friday, March 12, 2021 8:00:03 AM
Subject:	
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From: Nancy D'Angelo <> Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 10:02 PM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org> Subject: Public Power for LIPA

of the LIPA Board,

To: Governor Andrew Cuomo and the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) Board of Trustees

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Nancy D'Angelo

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From: To: FW: Public power for LIPA Cc: Thursday, March 11, 202111:54:01 AM Subject: Date:

From: George Povall <> Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 6:51 AM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org> Subject: Public power for LIPA

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Sincerely, George Povall Executive Director All Our Energy





FW: It is time to move LIPA to public power. Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:49:28 AM

From: Katherine Congdon Caldwell <> Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 7:31 AM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org>

Subject: It is time to move LIPA to public power.

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of the LIPA Board,

I firmly believe that municipalization is the way to go for LIPA. As a life long resident of Long Island, I have seen many failures, and PSEGLI, who was supposed to be our savior, has done no better! There is no reason that Long Island, with its population of approximately 3 million in Nassau and Suffolk counties, cannot find capable people to run an efficient and forward thinking utility (profiting the people, not the utility!). I did not support bringing in PSEGLI, and in my opinion we need to go to a new model of operation. I understand that municipalization could save as much as \$70 million per year. That could be well spent on upgrades, maintenance and investment in a clean energy future. As an island, and a low lying one at that, we need to focus on what works best for us and our future. Let's move to a publicly run utility, for the benefit of all Long Islanders. Thank you. Sincerely, Katherine Congdon Caldwell

Katherine Congdon Caldwell



E FW: Make LIPA Fully Public Wednesday, March 10, 20219:49:19 AM

From: Nicolas Shearman <i> Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 8:54 AM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org> Subject: Make LIPA Fully Public

of the LIPA Board,

Dear Governor Andrew Cuomo and the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) Board of Trustees,

My name is Nicolas Shearman, lifelong New Yorker who lived on Long Island for over 20 years. During my time on Long Island, I witnessed the decrease in quality utility service under PSEG in response to storms and slow progress in modernizing the Island's utility infrastructure. I write today to urge you to embrace full public management and operation of LIPA as a public utility to meet the energy, utility justice, and climate challenges Long Island is facing.

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Sincerely, Nicolas Shearman

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FW: Going in the wrong direction PSEG Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:49:07 AM

From: Lore Kent <i>Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 10:36 AM
To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org>
Subject: Going in the wrong direction PSEG

of the LIPA Board,

To whom it may concern:

I do not profess to know the inner workings of a power authority and I have no doubts that the responsibility of generating power to Long Island, especially during emergency situations is daunting. Yet, what I do know is that since PSEG took over, our service has been noticably worse! Hurricane Sandy was a devastation for Long Island and due to what we went through as a homeowner, we felt "forced" to incur the expense of purchasing a generator as we didn't feel comfortable depending on our power company any longer in emergency situations! As well, the few times we attempted to contact customer service for questions we had, we felt that customer service was basically non-existent since PSEG got involved. My vote would be to bring back LIPA. I felt a greater sense of safety and connection when LIPA was in charge of Long Island!

Lore Kent



 From:
 FW: Make LIPA a public utility

 Cc:
 Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:48:55 AM

 Subject:
 Date:

From: Billii Roberti <> Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 202111:31 AM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org> Subject: Make LIPA a public utility

of the LIPA Board,

After 36 years, it is clear the LIPA public-private partnership model is a failure.

How can it work when the parent private company treats Long Island like a stepchild? Or when the private company owes its allegiance to its stockholders? A public utility would answer to...the public!

We need a public electric utility that is accountable, communicative, reliable, resilient and transparent. We need a say in how our utility is run. And we need it now.

Billii Roberti



FW: PSEG LI vs Public Interest Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:48:44 AM

From: Neil Nitzberg <i> Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:04 PM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org>

Subject: PSEG LI vs Public Interest

of the LIPA Board,

To: Hon. Gov. Cuomo,

The electric power utility on Long Island is a continuing nightmare. First, LILCO withheld service because they were beholden to nuclear interests and instead they were obsessed with building a nucular reactor in Shoreham. Now, PSEG has adopted the corporate philosophy, "Maximize profits today regardless of tomorrow or customer concerns."

The customers have had enough of Corporate Profits being first priority. Let the corporations eat cake. The time has come for a strong, publicly run LIPA.

-neil / Valley Stream, LI-

#Decorporatize #DemocraticSocialismEqualsPowerToThePeople (no pun intended) #ForThePeopleForAChange

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Jay Blackman

FW: Make our Energy Public _____ Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:48:28 AM

From: Jay Blackman <> Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:07 PM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org> Subject: Make our Energy Public

of the LIPA Board,

It's time to put people, and our environment above private company profits. PSEG LI has shown time and again they are not up to handling the energy needed by Long Islanders. Their lack of major investments in power line infrastructure has caused many occasions of power outages. The record shows that that cities, towns and villages (Freeport and Rockville Centre) with public utilities do much better and have greater customer satisfaction than privately run utilities. It's time to step up and allow LIPA and the people of LI decide how our energy will be produced and delivered.

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Patricia Milizio

FW: PSEG LI improve their accountability & operations Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:48:16 AM

From: Patricia Milizio <i>Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:17 PM
To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org>
Subject: PSEG LI improve their accountability & operations

of the LIPA Board,

The people need to have a say regarding the sources of electric power & learn ways obtain electric power in a more environmentally friendly manner.

Patricia Milizio



 From:
 FW: LIPA

 Cc:
 Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:48:04 AM

 Subject:
 Date:

From: Roy BERBERICH <i> Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 20 21 12:19 AM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org> Subject: LIPA

of the LIPA Board,

LIPA is at a crossroads: keep our contractor, who are increasingly unresposnive and are not living up to their promise, or move Long Island to Public power with reliability, accountability, transparency, and resiliency.

The choice is clear, and the time is NOW! Public power for LI!

Sincerely, Roy Berberich

Roy BERBERICH



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FW: LIPA Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:47:30 AM

From: GloriaJean Berberich <i> Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:16 AM
To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org>
Subject: LIPA

of the LIPA Board,

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Thank you for your consideration, Gloria-Jean Berberich

GloriaJean Berberich

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Julia Anne Merker

 From:
 FW: LIPA

 Cc:
 Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:47:11 AM

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From: Julia-Anne Merker Sent: Wednesday, March
10, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org>
Subject: LIPA

of the LIPA Board,

It is time to move on from PSEG LI and enable a strong publicly run LIPA. Our environment depends on it; our children's future is at stake.

Julia-Anne Merker

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FW: We Can Do Better Than PSEG Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:38:00 AM

From: Heather Clark <i> Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 7:30 AM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org> Subject: We Can Do Better Than PSEG

of the LIPA Board,

PSEG has done little good and A LOT of bad in our LI communities. They destroyed quaint main streets — making them look like electric transfer stations — with 80 foot power poles with no input from the community (most of whom would have gladly paid to bury the lines) and hired incompetent tree trimmers who cut down and multilateral THOUSANDS upon thousands of trees — one of our most precious and beautiful resources on LI. And for what?! The electricity still goes out. The pricing is labile and has jumped for some double or even triple previous pricing in the midst of an economy-crushing pandemic. PSEG has GOT TO GO.

Heather Clark



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From: To: FW: LIPA Cc: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 9:37:36 AM Subject: Date:

From: K Murphy <> Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 7:27 AM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org> Subject: LIPA

of the LIPA Board ,

Please consider restructuring LIPA to be a public utility and terminate PSEG. Move toward renewable energy and future for LI

K Murphy

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Karen Papasergiou

 From:
 Jerome McNerney

 To:
 Board of Trustees

 Subject:
 Public Power for LIPA

 Date:
 Wednesday, March 17, 2021 11:33:38 AM

of the LIPA Board,

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Jerome McNerney

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Date:	Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:37:25 AM
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To:	Board of Trustees
From:	Randi Itzkowitz

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Shelley Goldman

From:phyllis corsairTo:Board of TrusteesSubject:management of electrical transmissionDate:Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:16:29 AM

Please see to it that this function is handled in house saving our ratepayers money we cannot to waste Phyllis Corsair

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From:Lisa CashmanTo:Board of TrusteesSubject:Make Utilities Public -- LIPADate:Wednesday, March 17, 2021 8:43:34 AM

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 From:
 FW: Bring rates down

 To:
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 Cc:
 Monday, March 15, 2021 10:30: 17 AM

 Subject:
 Date:

-----Original Message-----From: > Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 5:14 PM To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org> Subject: Bring rates down

We can't afford PSEG's fees and profits. Terminate their contract now. Thank You. Fred Harrison

LIpower.org *** Standard LIPA Email Signature ***

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From: To: Cc: Subject: Date:

FW: Please bring PSEG"s function in house Monday, March 15, 2021 10:30:01 AM

From: Daniel Urick <>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org>
Subject: Please bring PSEG's function in house

I've been reading about all the failures of PSEG, many of which I've experienced. Please take the necessary actions to bring PSEG's functions directly under LIPA's control and save the ratepayers a lot of money. Thank you.

Daniel Urick

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From: To: Cc: Subject: Date:

FW: Public Power for LIPA Tuesday, March 16, 202110:09:39 AM

From: Jerry Rivers <
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 5:05 PM
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From: To: FW: Public Po Cc: Wednesday, I Subject: Date:

FW: Public Power for LIPA Wednesday, March 17, 2021 5:01:21 PM

From: Kanwaldeep Sekhon Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 4:03 PMTo: Board of Trustees soardoftrustees@lipower.orgSubject: Public Power for LIPA

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From: Gail Payne, The Energy Chair of Long Island Sierra Club

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From: To: Cc: Subject: Date:

FW: My Ballot for Rate Savings Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:55:05 AM

From: Mary Ann Gagliardi <
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Board of Trustees <boardoftrustees@lipower.org>
Subject: My Ballot for Rate Savings

Good afternoon,

I am a homeowner in Nassau County and I would like you to vote for Rate Savings for LIPA.

Thank you.

Best,

Mary Ann Gagliardi

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Karen Zilber < Monday, March 22, 20213:04 PM Board of Trustees Public Power for LIPA

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Maureen Garvey < > Monday, March 22, 202112:22 PM Board of Trustees Public Power for LIPA

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I don't need to repeat what has already been said in the other letters on this topic that I know you have received. Suffice to say that I add my name to the list of Long Islanders who want to see a publicly run LIPA

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Maureen Garvey

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Name Donna Charielle

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Agenda Topic Public Power for Long Island

Comment

LIPA Board meetings should be multiple and accessible at different times so working people can participate as well. New Yorkers deserve utilities that are accountable, meet high standards for resilience and equity, and will prevent climate catastrophe by moving off fossil fuels to renewable energy.

New Yorkers deserve Public Power -- starting now with Long Island.

Long Island can blaze a new path for New York by creating a fully Public Power utility that ends our reliance on fossil fuels and provides clean, reliable, affordable power for all. Thank you!

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Web Forms Monday, March 22, 2021 9:47 PM Comments on LIPA Board Agenda Items Website Inquiry: Board Agenda Comments

Name

Noah Plofker

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Agenda Topic

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Name Richard Viesta

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Public Power for Long Island

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My name is Leona Viesta, a resident of Port Washington, 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.

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.

We call on LIPA to terminate their contract with PSEG LI as soon as possible and fully municipalize. We demand a genuine, inclusive, and robust process as LIPA's path forward is determined. We can no longer separate LIPA from everyday Long Islanders. We call for a public process that convenes appropriate stakeholders to serve as a watchdog in this crucial moment through public hearings, town halls, and other forms of participatory community engagement.

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