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Your Comment

Dear LIPA Board. My name is Dave Fitzgerald and upfront, I am a PSEG LI employee. Not Senior Management, but a Project Controls Engineer on FEMA and Storm Hardening projects. I am one of the thousands of rank and file PSEG LI employees who are passionate about the work we are doing and the company we work for.

I have one request as you work on your deliberations; I respectfully ask that you separate the recourse or restitution you seek from PSEG for the failings during storm Isaias last year, from the evaluation of who will provide the best, safest, most reliable and cost effective electric service for all Long Island customers. Ultimately the latter is the absolute criteria for the decision on how to proceed in LIPA's next stage.

We all understand there were issues in the storm response last year and (a) the causes need to be fixed and (b) there may be need for some reparation. We don't dispute that. The effect has been to make us employees even more determined to do our jobs to the absolute maximum and to ensure we are basically flawless.

That already is our mindset, even before the storm. I've worked in companies in Europe and the US and PSEG is the most dedicated, professional organization I've ever seen. The ethos to begin with is that everything must be done perfectly, to the highest levels possible. That's why it is so galling to us that last year we didn't achieve that. We are more than determined to make that up, again this is the feeling from those of us at ground level. We are also very clear that our senior management is beyond committed to rectifying the shortfalls that occurred.

Therefore, please give us the opportunity to prove to you that we will take care of business. Not just because of our passion and dedication, but because of our technical expertise, our knowledge and experience, and the other successes we've had in working things here on LI.

If you want additional checks and balances or audits or examination or any of that, have at it. We understand that you might look for those and we will welcome them. My own opinion is that genuinely we represent the best option for LIPA to move forward with. Choosing another option may engender a greater level of risk than the need to police PSEG LI more closely. I'm not saying I speak for the thousands of PSEG LI employees

but I do believe I can say that we are all massively keen to prove this out to you. Our senior management has indicated that significant system improvements have been made and that we could cope well with another Isaias. We believe them and want to play our part.

Many Thanks for listening, I genuinely appreciate it. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Yours sincerely
Dave Fitzgerald