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I have some past experience with energy matters as one of the past energy chairs with the Sierra Club Long Island group. And I have 76 years of experience with being a customer of Long Island electric suppliers though I did not start paying the bills until I was 22 (in 1968). So, I have been subject to LILCO and LIPA with National Grid and PSEG. Of the various models, a private company for profit (LILCO), a public private partnership as I believe the National Grid model was, and another partnership with LIPA and PSEG. All of these have had significant problems for the rate payers ranging from frequent shut downs, long repair times following storms, high raises in cost, and company-customer communication mess ups (even had the electricity shut off at our sometimes used home during the winter which nearly caused burst pipes but, fortunately, we found out about the shut off before the deep cold set in). Just this week, I got calls telling me the electric service would be back up soon at a house I rent out (had a similar call just two weeks ago and there were no storms), and at our sometime use house. With no accidents taking out the lines and no bad weather, I assume these were intentional and planned service interruptions. If so, we should have been notified before the shut offs, not after. And if not, why are so many shut downs happening when there have never been so many in the past in such a short period of time over such widely ranging areas (Centereach and East Hampton).

Its time to try something that should be better. its time to try a single entity that is accountable for all the operations - operations related to computers, service lines, customer communications, equipment purchases, long term planning, etc. And it should be an entity that is answerable to its customers, not stock holders so there is no reason we, the customers, have to pay high rates for loans (government entities pay lower interest rates than for profit companies) and to pay the stock holders enough to keep them invested.

I therefore support the public ownership and management option.